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Pay scale proposal questioned

A proposed second pay schedule for non-union employees of Canton Township has raised questions. Employees are concerned about pay being reduced.

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Canton Merit Commissioner Don Voyles wants to evaluate how existing non-union employees fall into a new pay scale proposed for new employees.

"I would at least like to take a look

at that," Voyles said Dec. 20, as merit commissioners recommended approval of a second pay schedule for non-union employees.

If the township board approves the new pay schedule in January, the township will have two pay schedules for non-union employees. The new

pay schedule for non-union employees would apply only to new hires who would earn less than existing employees at certain levels.

Changes in the pay schedule, according to commissioners, come from the need to provide flexibility by allowing lower wages at entry levels. The existing pay scale has higher starting wages for certain positions.

Voyles questioned how current employees would be affected by the new pay schedule. In November, non-union employees expressed concern about the proposed changes, particu-

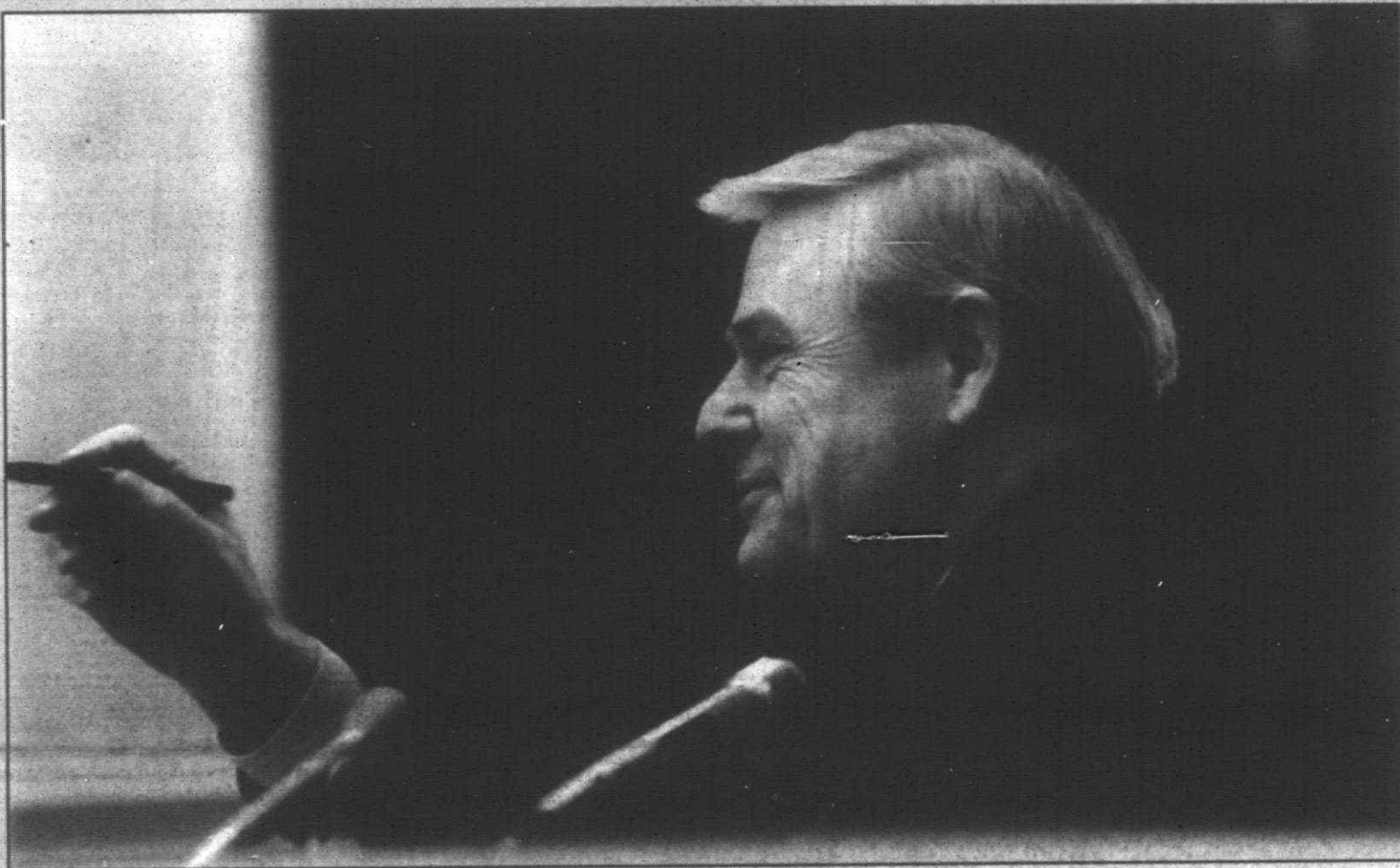
larly how it would affect them if they were promoted or changed jobs within the township.

"If there is little or none (effect on existing employees), maybe we don't need to facilitate the two (schedules)," Voyles said.

Bert McCartney, representative for township employees on the merit commission, questioned Voyles. "Don't you think that's putting the cart before the horse?" Voyles responded: "No. We need the new structure."

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Saying goodbye



BILL BRISLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hanging up the robes: Retiring 35th District Judge James Garber treated defendants and attorneys alike with respect.

Garber's days on bench winding down

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

It was one of the last days on the bench for retiring 35th District Judge James Garber, and the defendant before him was charged with driving with open intoxicants — an offense punishable by 90 days in jail, two points, fines and costs.

"I don't know if you noticed those fellows dressed in brown out in the hall," Garber told the defendant, speaking of sheriffs escorting pris-

oners to the Hillsdale County Jail, "but they're taking those folks on an all-expense-paid vacation to Hillsdale County."

The defendant was wearing jeans and a wrinkled flannel shirt with holes in it. His long hair wasn't combed or washed.

"Sir," asked Garber, "Is your girlfriend going to post bond for you?"

"I hope so," he answered. Garber could have sentenced him to jail, but said the court would take

his driver's license in lieu of bond.

One of the next defendants was a heavy-set Detroit in shirt sleeves and gold chains, charged with driving with improper plates. Before getting down to business, Garber remarked, "You're big enough to be Mr. T. Did you play some ball?"

The man replied he had, at Alabama State. Garber gestured toward Richard Jackson, "Our court officer was an athlete at Alabama State."

After his trademark kibitzing,

Garber said, "Technically, driving with improper license plates carries 90 days in jail. Usually, 45 is enough." The defendant was relieved to hear Garber wasn't going to sentence him to jail, but that fines would be assessed instead. Leaving the court, the man's wife said, "That judge seems fun and jolly and reasonable. I thought he would be more stricter."

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Friends say goodbye to respected jurist

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth community laid to rest one of its favorite sons with an emotional farewell Wednesday.

Paying their respects to Judge Dunbar Davis at First Baptist Church of Plymouth was a large congregation that included statesmen, jurists, community leaders, court personnel, longtime friends, family

members and stalwarts of Plymouth. Davis, 81, was elected to the com-

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A salute: Officials including 35th District Judges John MacDonald and James Garber paid tribute to Judge Dunbar Davis, who served in the district court from 1968 to 1984.



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Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to do tax returns for senior citizens through the AARP Tax-Aide Program. Qualifications include liking to help people and being comfortable working with numbers and doing your own tax returns. The Internal Revenue Service provides training classes. For more information call Bill Von Glahn, 453-8253.

She's a winner

Catherine Olson, 84, of Canton, is the winner of the Canton Chamber of Commerce Santa on Wheels drawing. Catherine received a \$50 gift certificate.

CANTON CONNECTION

Holiday closings

The Canton Public Safety Department's records bureau will close at 5 p.m. today, Dec. 29, and reopen at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Copies of reports and gun registration forms will not be available during the days the department is closed for the holidays.

Canton's municipal offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 30. The township will close Monday,

Jan. 2, and reopen Tuesday, Jan. 3. The Canton Treasurer's office will be open until 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, for tax collections.

Winter Ball

The public is invited to attend the Canton Community Foundation's Winter Ball Friday, Jan. 13, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The \$60-a-person party is a fund-raiser for the foundation. Money raised will go specifically for human services in Canton.

Reservations must be made by the first week of January by calling Executive Director Joan Noricks, 981-3002.

Music poster features an ice festival theme

Visitors to this year's Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular can take home more than memories — for \$5 they can purchase a limited edition commemorative poster.

The poster is a first for the ice show, "hopefully the first in a long series," said Mike Watts, president of Watts-Up Inc., the producers of the Ice Sculpture Spectacular. It features Jim Hindi's dramatic after-dark photo of "Be Bop," last year's award-winning sculpture. The grouping of jazz musicians was carved by Swiss exchange students and finished in the top three during the competition.

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The poster is intended as a souvenir for visitors and a fund-raiser for the ice show.

"Most people don't realize that the ice show is totally self-supporting — it's not paid for by the city or the chamber of commerce."

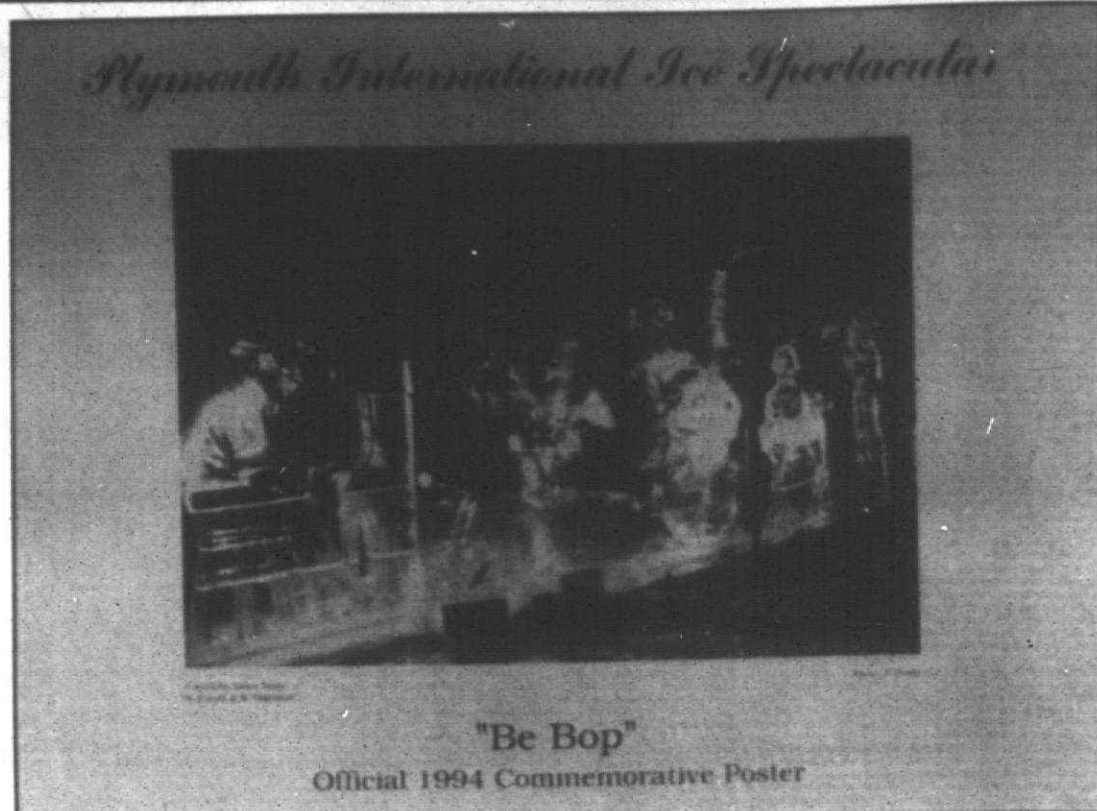
Watts said, "We're printing 3,000 and it would be really nice to sell all of them."

A portion of proceeds from the poster will go to the Plymouth-Canton high school Marching Band. Band members will staff sales booths during the ice show Jan. 11-16.

The following businesses will also help out by handling poster sales at their Plymouth locations: Uncle Frank's Chicago and

Coneys, Plymouth Coffee Bean, Engraving Connection, Mayflower Hotel, Sir Speedy Printing, Wild Wings, Creative Framing, Frame Works, Hands-On Leather, Penniman Showcase and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

Trade Graphics donated services for the design and layout. Printing will be done by Litho Services and underwritten by the Observer.



Festival poster: The limited-edition Ice Sculpture Spectacular poster features last year's award-winning carving "Be Bop." The commemorative poster will sell for \$5 and all proceeds will benefit the ice show and the Plymouth-Canton high school marching band.

Teens explore plight of homeless

BY STEVE BUCK

STAFF WRITER

Monday was boxing night at Geneva Presbyterian in Canton.

No one wore gloves. But it was for a good cause, to raise money for the Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS) in Detroit and the Plymouth Salvation Army.

Some 30 senior high school students spent Monday night in the church parking lot to learn first hand how the homeless struggle to survive.

The kids bundled up and spent the night in boxes from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m.

"I stole the idea, I must be honest," said Dave Willerup, a pastoral intern from New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

The activity took place on Boxing Day, a Canadian and English holiday the day after Christmas, when people collect alms and clothing for the poor in the boxes that their gifts came in.

"Some people here may think of it as the day when you take everything back," Willerup joked.

Willerup also spent the night. He and the students had to find

their own appliance/refrigerator boxes — their houses for the night. Willerup's came from ABC Warehouse.

The group had only the clothes on their backs, a sleeping bag and their boxes.

"We want to make it rough enough, but we don't want to make them sick," Willerup said.

"The boxes insulate very well."

Their struggle was only for the night, but Willerup predicted the experience will stay with them a lifetime.

"We want to bring home the fact that it is not just crazy people and drunks who are home-

less," he said.

Willingness to bear another's burden is another lesson stressed.

"This season has been rough on charities," Willerup said. The absence of snow and harsh weather makes people less apt to empathize with the continual needs of the homeless," he said.

Snow clothes, toys and non-perishables are sought for COTS. For more information, call Sister Cecilia Mark at (313) 831-3777.

Likewise, the Plymouth Salvation Army is also soliciting donations. Call (313) 453-5464.

Resident reports cellular phone theft

Following are some police incidents which occurred during the past week in Canton.

Theft

A Ramier Street resident reported his NEC cellular phone, val-

ued at \$515, stolen Dec. 23 from his 1993 Ford Ranger.

A \$400 doorwall was stolen from a home under construction on Glastenbury Dec. 22.

A Canton man reported a drill (\$265), air compressor (\$452) and an air stapler (\$250) were stolen

from a building on Warren Dec. 22.

A Canton man reported his 1986 Oldsmobile stolen from Lilley Road Dec. 24.

Bowling equipment valued at more than \$600 was stolen from a Milcroft Court residence Dec. 24.

Assault and Battery

A Canton youth, 17, reported Dec. 22 that another Canton youth, 17, assaulted him at Salem High School.

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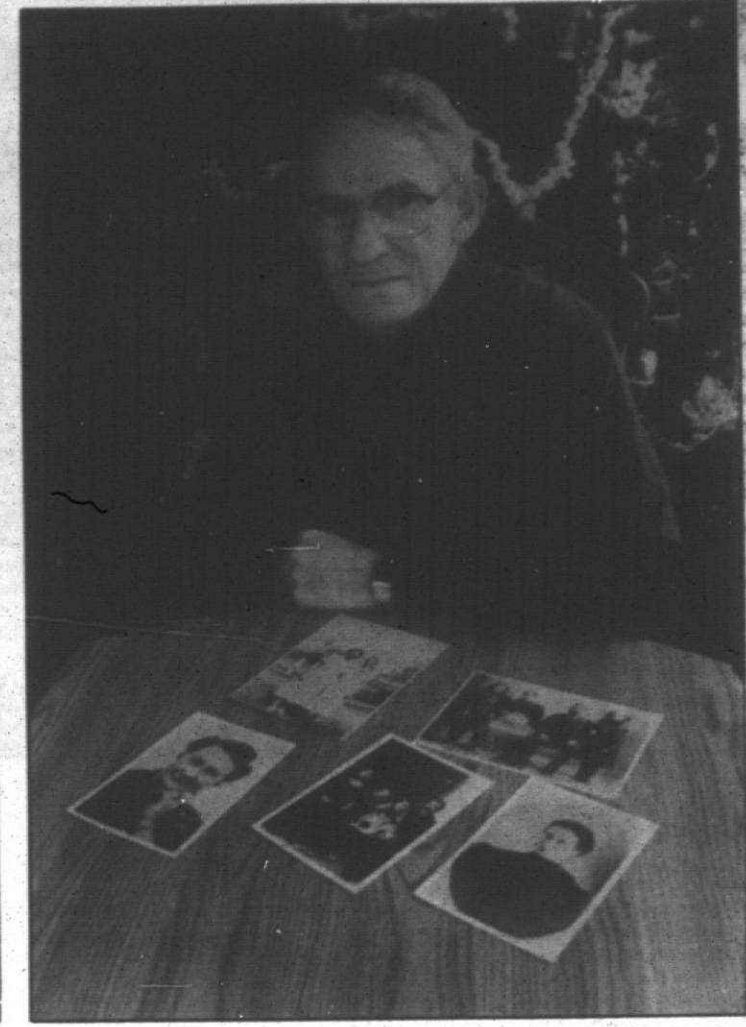
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Gathering: Richard Suetterlin of Canton met his siblings for the first time last July. They are (left to right) Margaret Saunders, Fred Young, Gladys Woods, and Richard Suetterlin.



Reunion: Richard Suetterlin displays photos of his birth mother, Ida Young. Suetterlin was adopted as an infant and waited 64 years to meet his brother and sisters.

Reunion with family makes Christmas special

BY MELISSA PREDDY

STAFF WRITER

Richard Suetterlin received a Christmas present from his big brother Fred this year for the first time ever — at age 64.

The gift, a bag of peanut brittle, was delivered in person to Suetterlin's Canton house by 78-year-old Fred Young. The two had never met before last summer, when Suetterlin found his long-lost family in Bay City, Mich.

His mother, Ida Young, was 38, a widow with seven children, when she gave birth to him on July 19, 1930. She couldn't make ends meet on the \$18 a month she received from the government and most of the children were living with relatives or in a juvenile home. She didn't tell them of her pregnancy or the newborn baby she named John Edward. When he was 12 days old, he was given to Lottie and Oscar Suetterlin of

Detroit to raise as their own.

Re-named Richard Suetterlin, the boy's adoptive mother died in 1941 and he learned he was adopted in 1944. He'd had suspicions earlier, when neighborhood children taunted him.

Suetterlin waited 50 years to search, he said, because he didn't know the exact circumstances of his birth. Thinking Ida might have been a young unwed mother, he stayed away rather than disrupt her life.

"Put it this way — would you want your child busting in when you were happily married and no one knew you ever had a baby?" he asked.

Married in 1952, Suetterlin and his wife, Sue, kept busy raising five children. The first-born was called John Edward. "I named him after myself, you might say," Suetterlin smiles.

Tragically, John Edward died

at the age of 29 in a 1983 auto accident — a sad source of irony to his father, who worked on seat belt design at Ford Motor Co. for more than 25 years. The couple's four other children, now in their 30s and 40s, have presented their parents with seven grandchildren so far.

Retired three years ago, Suetterlin had more time to consider searching for his birth family. It wasn't a decision he took lightly.

"It's something you sit on. Some kids today think they need to rush out and find their roots right away. I didn't need any roots. I was very well established with my father and stepmother," he said.

Sue Suetterlin supported her husband's search. "I couldn't even imagine what it felt like," she said.

In the spring he received his

records from the Lutheran Children's Home in Bay City, where the adoption was handled.

The file includes a handwritten log that describes "Baby John" as "a fine healthy child, mentally apparently real bright."

Later entries note that the child was placed in an "ideal home" and "in every way turning out fine." The log ends when the adoption became official in 1932.

The file also identified Suetterlin's birth parents and siblings. He and his wife drove to Bay City to hunt for Ida Young's grave, and a sympathetic cemetery director copied the Young listings in the phone book. There were two Fred Youngs listed, but it took Suetterlin awhile to get through to the right one.

"We went back and forth three times on the darn tape deck," he said. "Finally I told him what time I'd call him and that he'd

better be there."

Young was finally home, and Suetterlin identified himself. "I just knew there was another child," Young responded. He said all the children thought that there was a secret in the family.

Finally, on July 20th, 64 years and one day after his birth, Suetterlin and his wife drove directly to Young's Bay City residence.

"Fred met us at the door. 'He said, 'Hello, little brother!'"

re-called Suetterlin. "They just took me right in."

The resemblance between the two men was striking.

Sisters Margaret, 75, and Gladys, 80, were also on hand to meet their brother. Another sibling, Marie, 76, lives in Florida. James, Floyd and Ethel Mae have all died.

Suetterlin planned to take the group to lunch, but Young also

wanted the privilege. They quibbled until Young jokingly told Suetterlin "pay attention to your big brother."

"So I let him pay," Suetterlin said.

The newly found family members have exchanged several visits, including one to Marie in Florida. They keep in touch with calls and letters. "Fred calls me every week, or I call him," said Suetterlin. "Marie calls me every two weeks from Florida."

A big family reunion is in the works for 1995.

Suetterlin was touched to receive several photos of his birth mother, dating from her old age all the way back to her turn-of-the-century childhood.

"They just opened up their albums and gave me everything they had," he said. "Some people would clamp down and say, hey, why should we let him in."

Family ties prompt them to pursue U.S. citizenship

BY M.B. DILLON

STAFF WRITER

If there's a local family tailor-made for celebrating Christmas American-style and Boxing Day in the Canadian tradition, it's the Kovacheffs of Plymouth Township.

Home for the holidays were brothers Gregory, Jonathon, George and Steven, all residents of Canada who recently obtained U.S. citizenship through their dad, Stan Kovacheff.

The elder Kovacheff was born in the U.S., but lived and raised his children in Windsor before moving back in 1990. Kovacheff's first wife, the boys' mother, died in 1975, and Kovacheff moved back to the U.S. after remarrying. Although his sons are still officially citizens and residents of Canada, "they're entitled to 'derivative' citizenship because I am an American citizen," said Kovacheff, a Plymouth Township resident. "They are, in effect, entitled to dual citizenship because they retain their Canadian citizenship."

The youngest son, Steve, was the first to pursue U.S. citizenship in 1993.

"I always thought I might want to move here, or take a couple years and travel," said Steve, who is taking time off from college to start up an advertising company in Windsor. He's enrolled at the University of Western Ontario, studying economics and business.

The idea appealed to Jonathon as well. An attorney working as a consultant for Ernst & Young in Toronto, he said, "With the world becoming smaller, the more you can cross borders into integrated markets, the easier it is. It's a real benefit to be able to move be-



Father and sons: Stan Kovacheff (second from left) threw a party for his four sons (from left) Steven, Jonathon, Greg and George after the Canadian residents became U.S. citizens.

tween the two greatest trading partners in the world. It's a big asset for me."

The eldest son, Gregory, has an established dental practice in London, Ont., but also wanted to become a U.S. citizen.

"I'm pretty settled in Canada, but why not keep all your options open?" he said. "Not many people get the chance to become a citizen of two countries. You never know where a window might open, even if it's not until the time of retirement."

George, enrolled in chiropractic college in New York, is grateful he'll have the choice of practicing in Canada or the U.S. after he graduates.

There wasn't much fanfare at Toronto's U.S. Consulate where citizenship was granted after the

brothers presented documents, filled out forms, paid a \$65 fee, and were sworn by an official who asked each of them to raise their right hand and take an oath from behind a pane of glass.

Stan, however, commemorated the occasion with flair at a celebration at his house Thanksgiving weekend, 1993. A banner emblazoned with American flags read, "Congratulations, Fabulous Four." Four flags decorated a red, white and blue cake, and red, white, and blue carnations graced the table.

Among the hardships of having strong ties to the U.S., the brothers agree, is suffering among the ranks of weary Lions, Pistons and Tiger fans. "We need a therapist as a result," said Gregory.

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community's first district judge-ship in 1968 and served for 16 years before retiring in 1984.

He died of cancer in Sarasota, Fla., Dec. 22, leaving his wife, Martha; daughters Kay Cole of Arizona and Suzanne Steffen of Livonia; and six grandchildren.

The North Carolina-born Davis was eulogized by the Rev. Paul F. White and former U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell, his friend and tennis partner.

A police escort comprised of seven law enforcement agencies led the funeral procession — interrupted by a train — to Riverside Cemetery. As many noted, it was a fitting place for Davis to be buried. Riverside sits in the shadow of the hall of justice that bears his name, and it's one of the places where the physically fit judge did his daily runs.

A Southern gentleman in the truest sense of the word, Davis was known for dispensing justice

with large doses of compassion, common sense and fairness.

"If you knew Dunbar for more than five minutes, he quoted a poem, Scripture, or part of a hymn for you," said White. "The day before he died, he kept singing over and over the words to the hymn 'He Touched Me.' 'Shedding a heavy burden, 'neath a load of guilt and shame, then the hand of Jesus touched me, and I am no longer the same.'"

"His wife, Martha, said Dunbar never lost heart," said White. "His secret wasn't who he was, but who he served. He loved life because he lived in love. He had so many friends. That's why so many of you are here. What a great world this would be if each of us made the effort to be a bit more like Dunbar."

Pursell said Davis, his closest friend for 50 years, "was an example to my family of what leadership was all about. In almost a

Christ-like manner, he lived a simple lifestyle and was respected by everyone who knew him."

Davis — who graduated in 1933 from Indiana's Earlham College where he played baseball and tennis, and from the University of Michigan Law School in 1936 — was well-respected by his peers.

Retiring Judge James Garber, who like Davis served the 35th District Court for 16 years, practiced law before him and served on the bench with Davis for six years.

"He was the old Southern gentleman. That was his persona, and his judicial persona. I don't know that Dunbar Davis always followed the exact letter of the law; his overriding concern was to be fair."

Garber recalled discussing with Davis an arcane Supreme Court decision. "Dunbar told me, 'I always found it was better to be on the bench with Davis for six years."

the way they want to, and for us to run this court the way we want to. They're just another group of people with the same degree we have.'"

Davis's philosophy was to "give people their day in court, and then decide the thing," said Garber.

Retired 17th District Judge John Dillon was sworn in with Davis in 1968. "I always thought he had a good courtroom demeanor. He listened well and treated everyone with respect," he said. "He knew the law, and was always prepared. He kept decorum in his courtroom; all the things I tried to do."

Court officer Walter Abick called Davis "the nicest guy in the world."

Judge-elect Ron Lowe — to be sworn in Jan. 5 as the newest 35th District judge — considered Davis his mentor.



A Southern gentleman: Judge Dunbar Davis was known for his gentility and warmth.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church or the Kiwanis Club.

Davis was Lowe's Sunday school teacher, and Lowe later became Davis's court officer. "In Sunday school he taught me to trust in God, and in the courtroom, he taught me to be fair," said Lowe, whose father bought Davis's law practice after the 1968 election.

"I will miss him, but I guess I can take peace from the thought that our community's loss is heaven's gain."

Davis was born and raised in Southport, N.C., and once described his youth on the shores of the Atlantic as "sort of like Mark Twain's."

Davis served with the Army's military police at Fort Ouster during World War II. He came to Plymouth in 1939 and started a law practice, working as an attorney for 30 years. He belonged to the First Baptist Church, the Plymouth Rock Lodge No. 47 F & AM and the evening Kiwanis Club of Plymouth. He was buried from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

become part of TV movie history after handling the Leonard Tyburski case, in which a Canton man was accused of murdering his wife and hiding her body in his basement freezer.

"We had Reuters, CNN and the National Inquirer in the courtroom," recalled Garber. "I even got calls from producers of TV movies."

The future "Things will go on quite well. I leave with a great deal of satisfaction that the court is in good shape. I'd like to think it's in better shape than when I got here 16 years ago, and that it will be in better shape yet 16 years from now. I'm sure John MacDonald and Ron Lowe will ensure that things go very well. The future looks extremely bright for 35th District Court."

After the judge took his 96-year-old mother, Helen, to the dentist, Marianne Garber stopped by to take her husband to lunch and help him pack. "I'm kind of happy he's retiring," she said. "I think it's time to smell the roses."

Garber from page 1A

Even though his days in district court were winding down, the 61-year-old Garber wasn't acting out of character.

"Judge Garber is funny but serious, and fair but firm," said Jackson. "I've seen him joke with people, but when it's time to put his foot down, he puts his foot down."

Attorney Kurt Riedel appeared before Garber the same day.

"He takes a very serious situation and has an ability to make it tolerable for all of us, not only for the attorney, but for everyone who uses the court. He's able to come down from that lofty position and identify with people," Riedel said.

Garber's court reporter, Carole Goodfellow, agreed. "He would be the judge that I would want my friends and family in front of, because he is so fair," she said.

Attorney Dennis Shrewsbury dropped in to say goodbye to Garber last week. "Judge Garber always greets you by name and makes you feel welcome in the court," Shrewsbury said. "He has

a wealth of experience and historical knowledge of this area. We'll miss him."

Deciding to retire

After serving three terms, Garber chose not to seek re-election last November. He said it's time for new blood in 35th District Court.

"I haven't used all my ideas by now, it's about time someone else had the chance," he said during a break from packing books and visiting with well-wishers in his chambers Tuesday. (Among them was Judge-elect Ron Lowe, whom Garber will swear in Jan. 5.)

"I've been a lawyer almost 37 years and on the bench for 16. That doesn't mean I'm not going to sit," he said.

After a vacation with his wife Marianne, Garber will hear a medical malpractice case in Wayne County Circuit Court. In April, he'll assist Oakland County Circuit Court with its drug docket.

"The likelihood is I will be sitting 15-20 weeks out of the year," said Garber, who's received offers from five or six law firms since announcing his retirement.

His fortes

Court administrator Marion Beiding said Garber is "unique among judges in that he has this administrative ability to see where the court should go. He can visualize those types of goals and move toward them. I'm going to miss him because he is so open; to have fun with it, be frank with it and still accomplish a lot."

Westland District Judge Gail McKnight has valued Garber's leadership and willingness to help newly elected judges.

"He's been our senior adviser; the person many of us go to. He's the kind of judge everyone wants to be just like," she said. "When I was first elected, I went to see him. I know I wasn't the first, and that I won't be the last. I hate to see him go."

Richardson said it's mutual. "Judge Garber is a very warm person. He brings us candy from the bulk food store and stops in to talk to us before he takes the bench. He's that nice. Those are

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In what he called a sensitive document that was not made available to employees or the media, personnel manager Dave Medley told merit commissioners that he looked at 11 non-union jobs to see where they would fall

on the new salary schedule. Voyles said a second pay schedule was recommended because the commission doesn't want to negatively affect existing employees. Medley told commissioners that if a non-union job is re-classified, he would have to do a complete job analysis.

Commissioner Pickard addressed employees' concerns about earning less under the new scale. "I see here we have addressed that point," he said.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING SYNOPSIS

6:30 P.M. MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1994

WTUA CONFERENCE ROOM

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Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Thomas Yack, Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Karen Baja.

The agenda was adopted, as presented.

The minutes of the November 28, 1994 meeting were approved, as presented.

Resolution No. 145, Regulations No. 146 and Operational Expenses totaling \$352,713.67 were approved.

Engineer Certificate No. 25 for final payment to Michigan Sewer Construction Co., was approved.

The Operations and Maintenance Report for the month of November, 1994 was received and filed.

The incident/claim report for the month of November, 1994 was received and filed.

Resolution regarding the DWID Rate Case was adopted.

Amendment for the pump expenditure was approved.

Motion was approved to pursue resolution with Goody.

Update on TCUA's effort was given.

A decision took place on the agenda format.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

THOMAS J. YACK, Chairman

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SC building, power plays, GOP win mark 1994 news

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW

STAFF WRITER

Among the big events in 1994 were an unsuccessful attempt by the county executive to take over environmental regulation in Wayne County, completion of Schoolcraft College's \$7.8 million student services center and the November elections, which put three Republicans on the county board for the first time ever.

January

Veteran U.S. Rep. William Ford surprised many people by announcing his retirement. The 30-year congressman stepped down at the end of 1994.

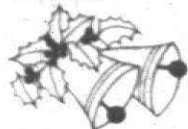
Among the candidates to replace Ford was then-Wayne County commissioner Bryan Amann, who announced his candidacy on Feb. 10 and was considered a heavy favorite to win. But Amann pulled out of the race March 14, saying he wanted to spend more time with his wife and

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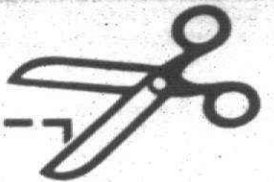


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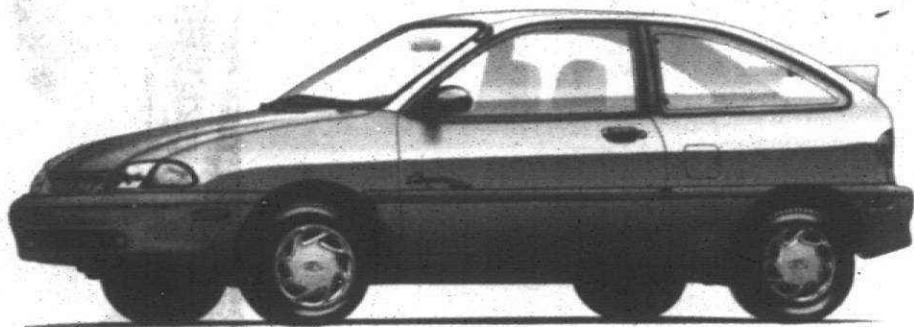
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KAREN MEIER

The final exam — Meier's way

It's just two days away. I can't believe it! I just can't believe it, 1994 went by so fast. For me it was a really, really good year. One of the best. I loved being in the "Family Room" with you every week. I've loved sharing the little things, the mostly pretty insignificant things, the we're-all-in-this-together things, the real things of real life. I've also loved the times when you've shared back. The calls (except maybe one), the letters (again, except maybe one) and the chance meetings have all inspired me and fueled me. Thanks for making the "Family Room" part of your home.

So with the old year ending and all, I thought it would be neat to see where the "Family Room" has been in 1994. And then I thought that just giving a run-of-the-mill summary list wouldn't be any fun. So I invented a contest. Actually, it's a test and a contest, and end-of-the-year final exam. If you do really well on the exam, you can win a cool prize. I'll tell you about that in a jiffy. First

The Rules

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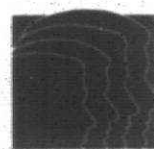
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Putting her mark on 'XTINCT'

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■ Five years after graduating from Livonia Franklin High School, Anne Marie Kanakis now knows she made the right decisions about her college education. She has a job, a husband and the opportunity to produce her own full-length film.

BY KYLE GREEN
SPECIAL WRITER



Twenty-four-year-old Anne Marie Kanakis refused to attend her five-year class reunion last summer. The 1988 Livonia Franklin

High School graduate thinks she had good reason.

"I figured I really had nothing to discuss," Kanakis said, a member of the 500-member graduating class who described herself as the "soccer player, theater and straight A" student type.

"My group of friends in high school were really unique people. We were all focused and had ideas planned out and we were all just really driven," she said, adding that her immediate friends are all university graduates. "We are waiting to go back to our 10th (reunion) so we can discuss all of our accomplishments."

Since June 1988, Kanakis has done a lot. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in film and television production and communications from the University of Michigan and currently works as a production assistant for Academy Award winning documentary film maker Sue Marx. In June she wed her boyfriend of four years, Mike Pacitto, and bought a home in Troy.



BILL HANSEN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Nary a moment: While rehearsing goes on behind her for the film "XTINCT," producer Anne Marie Kanakis uses the brief down time to make a few phone calls.

Come the next class reunion, Kanakis will have plenty to discuss, she said. Since midsummer, she has been producing Pacitto's independent film "XTINCT," a visual attack on the Generation X films that will expose the realistic morals and attitudes of the nameless generation.

The full-length film has been on a weekend-only production schedule since the end of August and is being shot on locations throughout

metropolitan Detroit, including alleys in Royal Oak, the Wayne State University campus, and a gas station near Tiger Stadium. It's scheduled to be completed in the spring.

With the correct marketing and audience target, Kanakis hopes "XTINCT" will launch her and Pacitto into the film industry.

An aspiring producer since she was in high school when she worked on the Detroit-based public television program "Club Connect,"

Kanakis enrolled in Wayne State's Law School this past fall term simply because she thought she wanted to do so, she said.

"I was in law school for all the wrong reasons and I would not have been happy until I produced a movie, and this was right under my nose," she said.

Obvious as it might have been to her, some convincing was required

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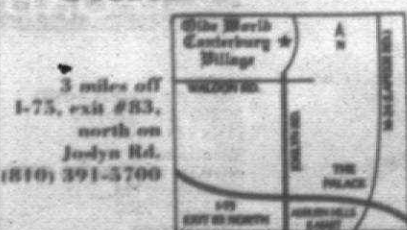
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LORENE GREEN

Dear Lorene: For years I've read your column but have never taken time to do this. So finally I made myself sit down to write you. I've always been interested to see what my handwriting tells.

I'm 42 years old. I'm married with two children: a son, 17, and a daughter, 16. My husband is a firefighter. I've been a hairdresser for 20 years, and now I'm starting to change my career. I'm working in the public school with special education.

For the past three years I've taken classes for sign language and finally am able to use it with these special education people.

I'm also involved with the prison ministry with my church. It involves singing for the prisoners. I'm curious to see what you have to say about my handwriting.

Thank you for reading. P.M., Livonia

A very special young woman begins to move into focus in today's left-slanted handwriting. This slant was never taught in American schools. From this fact we know it is a change that she consciously made. So we must consider the reasons for doing it.

Research tells us that left-slanters have usually been raised in a strict atmosphere where much, possibly even perfection, was expected of them. When we combine this with the total picture of her handwriting, we begin to see someone who perceived some rejection as she was growing up. Outwardly she learned to con-

trol her emotions and may appear reserved to others. Inside, however, there is emotional activity at work, I believe.

Our writer forms friendships carefully because she has been hurt in the past. She seeks approval from her relationships to compensate for this deprivation. Once a friendship develops she can be loyal and devoted. At times, however, she may feel a little jealous of outside friendships.

Having been exposed to considerable criticism our writer is quite sensitive to criticism of a personal nature. She may even expect it when none is intended. Compliments would be music to her ears, especially from a certain male.

There is worry and some mood fluctuation in this handwriting. At times she is friendlier than at other times. This can be confusing to those who do not know what she may be experiencing.

Obviously, she lives with ambivalent feelings. She does not want to be held back by past roots. Often she has an inner struggle between reaching out to others and taking care of her own needs. This contradiction can cause indecision for her.

Her desire to move into the world and be helpful is confirmed in many ways (both from the letter and in her handwriting) where she reaches out with love and caring. This can also bring needed benefits by way of approval and appreciation. Someone once said, "The scent always remains on the hand that gives the rose."

To her credit, she has overcome a great deal, but her ego still can use a little positive reinforcement.

Our writer has a good mind that is constantly probing for answers. She is inclined to investigate and analyze to find answers for herself. Then she decides what she

can accept and what she cannot. She has been exposed to some of the finer things in life.

If you are a regular reader of my column you know of my love of humor. It can be an asset in keeping one's perspective. I am pleased to see the humor in this handwriting sample. I know it can grate on her to others. Readers Digest says that "Laughter is the best medicine." I agree, don't you? Here's one with both humor and wisdom. "The cat and what you give away always come back to you."

If you would like to have your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper write to Lorene C. Green, certified graphologist at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Age, signature and handedness are all helpful. Feedback is always welcomed.

'XTINCT' from page 9A

to convince Pacitto that the time was right. He gave in knowing his work rests in good hands, she said.

Her present production assistant role with Sue Marx not only inspired her to produce "XTINCT," but granted her solid experience and references, she said.

As writer and director, Pacitto has a large responsibility next to the camera and working with the "twentysomething" actors and crew members.

Kanakis describes her positions at a behind-the-scenes role "organizing" schedules, crew members, public relations tactics, equipment, location and food even before the cameras roll.

"It's a little like making sure all the props are there," Kanakis said with a hand gesture in mid-air and a wrinkled nose. "I'm sort of trading on new waters on my own, but you don't know what to do until you do it."

"What I do on the set is to make sure that everyone is there and comfortable."

"During a shooting in the couple's modest Troy home's back yard late one evening, Kanakis was the X-ers' Mother Teresa,

granting sincere gestures of loving care while roaming through cast and crew members, answering questions and making suggestions.

During the shoot, questions of extra electrical cords and possible lighting location ideas left Kanakis scrambling for the answers, but always with a smile and a "thank you."

"My worst attribute as a director," said Pacitto, "is stroking people. I don't yell at people, but my mind is so cluttered I forget to say, 'hey, thanks,'" said Pacitto, 24, of his wife's role.

Six years ago Kanakis dreamed of attending New York University Film School, which would have allowed her an easy avenue to the film industry, but her parents persuaded her to attend the University of Michigan, Kanakis said.

Today she views it as good advice.

"I do know people who attended NYU and are \$20,000 in debt and without a job," she said. "I kind of believe that if you have the persistence and you have the drive, you will get what you want."

"Am I too optimistic?"

Family Room from page 9A

5. The deadline is Jan. 5, 1995.

6. Enter as many times as you'd like, but be sure each entry is sent in its own envelope.

The Exam

1. Cajas is a) an illegal substance which is very bad for you; b) a new dance originating in Miami; c) an acronym for Crumbs and Junk Accumulated Since Easter; or d) Cajun-style milk shakes.

2. The day Joe got his first pair of glasses he a) yanked them off his face a bunch of times and wouldn't wear them; b) developed hideous deep red grooves on either side of his head because the glasses were way too tight; c) ate maggots; or d) all of the above.

3. Halloween Night '94 was a) clear and mild and a lot like a night in Hawaii; b) snowy like Alaska; c) cold and rainy like Michigan; or d) cold and rainy and without electricity and heat like Michigan 100 years ago.

4. "Blup" and "bluck" are

I thought that just giving a run-of-the-mill summary list wouldn't be any fun so I invented a contest. Actually, it's a test and a contest, and end-of-the-year final exam. If you do really well on the exam, you can win a cool prize.

words referring to a) the act of barfing; b) two egg-shaped characters in a children's play; c) the next door neighbor's dog and cat; or d) Mackinac Island fudge flavors.

5. Karen Meier goes to rock concerts at the rate of a) once a week; b) once a month; c) once a year; or d) once a decade.

6. On July 20, 1959, a) men landed on the moon for the very first time; b) there was a beach party at Long Lake; c) a certain columnist turned 12 years old; d) all of the above; or e) none of the above.

7. Spoon wars, sugar pyramids, baptisms by pop, See-Feed episodes, exploding diapers are a) hilarious elements of a really good

frat party; b) code names for various military operations; c) activities children engage in in restaurants which make parents avoid going out to dinner at all costs; or d) "Saturday Night Live" skits.

8. Karen Meier shops for lipstick and blush a) once a week; b) once a month; c) once a year; or d) once a decade.

9. Paying \$62.09 for a motel room 30 miles west of Cedar Point was a) a really good deal; b) the biggest rip-off ever in the history of mankind.

10. Anna of Green Tarp is a) a sales clerk at a camping outlet store in Birch Run; b) a distant cousin to Anne of Green Gables; c) an old friend from Grand Rapids who prevented the camp coffee

and sausages from floating away into Grand Traverse Bay; or d) a character in the old "Batman" TV show.

That's it. You're all done.

The Cool Prize

Now for the information about the cool prize. If you get 100 percent, you win. I'll call you and tell you the good news. And then, here's the cool part, I'll make you the feature of an upcoming "Family Room" column. So be ready with some sort of story about your life. Remember, it can be an insignificant type of story, a we're-all-in-this-together sort of story. You know, a real story from your real life.

In the event a bunch of you qualify for the top prize, I'll probably call all of you. And you'll get a chance to tell your story. In separate. It'll be like a talk show, in the newspaper! Move over, Oprah!

If you have a question or comment for Karen Meier, call her at 953-2047, mailbox number 1883, on a Touch-Tone phone, or write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Lenzner-Henderson

Robert and Debra Beebe of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Mary Lenzner, to Kevin John Henderson, the son of John and Barbara Henderson, also of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School. She is currently an honors student, enrolled in the teaching program, at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She will graduate in April 1995.

Her fiancé is a 1988 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School. He is employed as a firefighter for Canton Township.



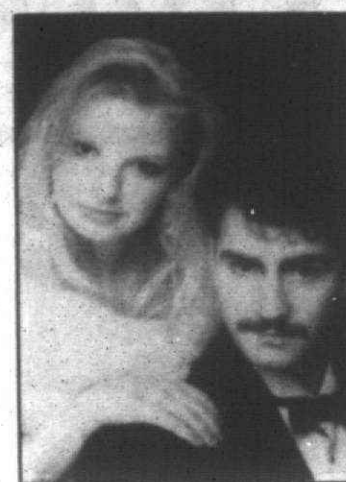
Boice-Claar

Raymond and Joyce Boice of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Frances, to Adam Jeffrey Claar, son of Leslie and Helen Claar of Novi, formerly of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Troy High School in Troy, N.Y., and Oakland Community College in business.

Her fiancé is a graduate of North Farmington High School and Lawrence Technological University in engineering.

A May wedding is planned in Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Plymouth.



Sebuck-Krieger

Jennifer Claire Krieger and Jeffrey Michael Sebuck were married July 22, 1994, at St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church in Canton by the Rev. C. Richard Kelly.

She is the daughter of Richard and Susan Krieger of Canton; he is the son of Lawrence and Veronica Sebuck, also of Canton.

The bride, who graduated in December from Central Michigan University, is doing an internship at TRACO in Novi.

The groom is a 1994 graduate of Michigan State University and is employed by Carter Wallace in Cranbury, N.J.

Sarah Krieger served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Kimberly Krieger, Denise Sebuck, Kristen Krieger, Megan Barker and Amy Wagenfeld.

David Sebuck served as best man. Groomsmen were Brent Heppner, Mike Bolser, Bob Kam-



inaki, Bob Yeager and Brian Moss.

The couple received guests at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. A honeymoon was planned for December.

They are making their home in Lawrenceville, N.J.

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to The Observer, 744 Wing St., Plymouth 48170.

Preprinted forms that outline the information needed for your wedding or anniversary announcement are available at either office.

For more information, call Sue Mason in Livonia at (313) 953-2131, or Bridget Moran in Plymouth at (313) 459-2700. For a recorded message with complete information on submitting announcements, call (313) 953-2065.

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Resolutions A Canton agenda for 1995

There were plenty of improvements made in Canton during 1994, but more are needed in 1995. So as the new year approaches, it's time for Canton residents and officials to take a look at what more is needed. To help, we came up with a wish list for Canton for 1995. Write us and outline your list for the new year. In the meantime, here is what we wish for 1995 for Canton Township:

- Improvements suggested in the Ford Road Task Force should be implemented. A concerted effort should be made to make sure the report doesn't sit on a shelf or get cast aside as other issues take center stage in the New Year. Ford Road is all Canton has as a main street and it needs some sprucing up.
- Keep the promise not to use local tax dollars for the Summit on the Park community center and Pheasant Run Golf Course. Taxpayers were assured both facilities would be self-supporting.
- Township officials should get the operation of the Summit on the Park community center down pat before opening so taxpayers never have to bear the burden of the facility.
- Cable television: Canton Township officials are right on this one. Omnicon wants to stick the township and city with a 15-year contract. Public officials want one for three years. That makes sense. Technology is changing at a rapid pace and residents should have access

- to it and not be stuck with a long contract.
- The widening of Canton Center Road should become a reality to relieve congestion building up along the roadway that serves a growing number of neighborhoods and the township offices.
- Township officials should make road improvements in Canton their number-one priority. The potential for a road millage should be investigated.
- More residents should get involved in local government and attend board meetings to let officials know how they want this community to be.
- The Canton Public Library should hold informational meetings for the public if it goes for a bond proposal to renovate and expand the existing library.
- The Plymouth-Canton schools should find enough money to keep the library at Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem High Schools open for longer periods during the school year.
- A study similar to the Ford Road Task Force should be planned for Michigan Avenue improvements.

So, when Dec. 31, 1995, rolls around, let's hope we look back and list these goals as accomplishments for the year.

Happy New Year.

Drivers: Heed MADD's message

Thanks to Mothers Against Drunk Driving and law-enforcement agencies throughout the state, the message, it seems, is finally getting through.

We are talking about drinking and driving. Tougher law enforcement and the Mothers Against Drunk Driving-sponsored public awareness campaigns over the last nine years are credited with helping to reduce the number of fatal accidents in Michigan during the New Year's holiday weekend.

Nine years ago MADD started its holiday awareness campaign distributing red ribbons and the slogan of "The One On for Safety" to promote sober, responsible driving during the holiday season.

The red ribbons tied on vehicle antennas, mirrors and doors have a special meaning beyond festive decoration: that motorists support sober driving.

As another New Year approaches, we echo MADD's message and urge motorists to join the Red Ribbon force and resolve to only drive alcohol-free.

As Bethany Goodman, executive director of MADD, Michigan, points out, we've come a long way from a time when holidays were an excuse for irresponsible, intoxicated driving. But we have a long way to go. Drunken drivers are a year-round problem. Continued efforts by civic groups, law-enforcement agencies and the courts are needed in the battle to make our highways safe.

The holidays are still high-risk. If you're host-

ing a party, MADD offers some tips to follow.

- Before any drinking begins, make sure there is a designated driver (one who only drinks non-alcoholic beverages) to ensure that friends have a sober ride home.
- Serve high-protein food to slow alcohol absorption.
- Offer plenty of non-alcoholic beverages for guests who prefer them.
- Close the bar at least an hour before the end of the party and serve dessert and coffee instead — but remember, coffee doesn't sober, only time does.
- Call a cab or offer a free ride home for those without a designated driver.
- Don't let guests mix their own drinks. Choose a reliable "bartender" who will responsibly pace serving.
- If, in spite of your efforts, you have an impaired guest, take away the car keys.

As Goodman notes: "Goodwill is at the heart of the holiday spirit. So take the message to heart and 'tie one on for safety.' It's a message of courtesy and caring."

Celebrate in a responsible manner and resolve to "tie one on for safety."

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION: What are your New Year's resolutions?

We asked this
question at the
Canton Public
Library.



"I suppose the usual ones about weight loss and exercise. But they will only last a week. So, I'll probably say to be more kind and patient."

Claire O'Connor
Canton



"I haven't given it a moment of thought."

Don Chastain
Plymouth



"I don't have any. I don't go for that."

Craig Stemienish
Canton



"I haven't decided yet."

Matt Abbott
Canton



LETTERS

Different picture

Your article on hiring practices within the Plymouth-Canton Schools was poorly researched and filled with gross inaccuracies. No attempt was made to discern facts which show a very different picture.

An interview team of 11, including two parents who are our PTO president and treasurer, and nine staff members, interviewed 10 candidates last summer for a teaching position.

In an anonymous ranking process (no interview team member knowing how any other had voted), Miss O'Donnell was ranked number one.

Your article did a disservice to a fine young educator who won a recommendation for hire because of her talent. It also maligned those of us who work to bring bright, talented people into the school system in a fair and equitable manner.

Barbara Young, principal
Fiegel Elementary School

School help

On behalf of the IPSEP staff I would like to thank the following local merchants who so generously donated to our annual holiday party at Tanger School. Without their help, it would not have been possible to provide such a special evening for so many families with handicapped preschool children.

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Russell J. Sansbury

Chamber thanks

With the hustle and bustle of the holiday season it is so easy to miss the opportunity to thank the people who go out of their way to benefit others.

A very special thank-you goes out to Mary Kay Siebel of Days Gone By, who orchestrated Santa's Plymouth visit, from managing his transportation to feeding the reindeer. Mary Kay is the one who keeps everything running so smoothly.

This year First of America Bank and Sealant Equipment and Engineering sponsored Santa's Plymouth visit. They made sure all his expenses were covered.

On behalf of Santa and all the good boys and girls of Plymouth, we send Mary Kay Siebel of Days Gone By, First of America Bank, and Sealant Equipment and Engineering a great big thank-you.

For years to come we will be praising Randy Maycock, Plymouth city firefighter, for building such a beautiful Santa House, and thank you to Bezaire's in Old Village, who donated his time and the beautiful decorations inside the Santa House.

Fran Toney,
Plymouth Community Chamber

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POINTS OF VIEW

Archer's agenda needs the patience of a saint

Dennis Archer must envy St. Stephen of Hungary. Stephen converted the Magyar tribe to Christianity in the year 1000. As king, he had a certain advantage. He decided one day that everyone would adopt the Christian faith, snapped his fingers, and it happened.

Or so the books say. Suburbanites have a strong interest in Detroit, even though fewer and fewer of my neighbors go there any more.

Nearly half of the city's revenue comes from state and federal aid, and the income tax on commuters is a big chunk of the "local" revenue. Standard Federal Bank, headquartered in Troy, is investing there. Consumers of Little Caesar's pizza are seeing the owner's profits invested in Detroit's theater district, hockey and baseball teams.

Archer, as mayor of Detroit, needs to turn around the city bureaucracy's anti-business, anti-customer attitude. I've heard war stories for many years.

Suburban industrialists who formerly were in Detroit say — off the record — that the reasons for their moves were (1) the hostility of residents toward their work force and (2) the never-satisfied response of city inspection teams. A vendor of trash haulers says — off the record — that Detroiters treat him like dirt.

Lawyers who practice in courts in Detroit say — off the record — they are

treated shabbily by court personnel. Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair is asking the state Supreme Court to trim the wings of Detroit Records Court judges who too quickly release defendants from jail on habeas corpus writs.

Aud my brother newsmen who file Freedom of Information requests with the city are treated like spies for South Africa.

Archer knows it. In the glut of jubilant celebration over Detroit's designation as an "empowerment zone," a little-noticed news item said he is appointing teams to eliminate city red tape for obtaining permits — a process that currently requires months and visits to as many as eight city departments. The job will require the qualities of a St. Stephen.

President Bill Clinton's "empowerment zone" program has three noteworthy points:

- It embodies Republican Jack Kemp's idea of "enterprise zones," where you cut taxes drastically for businesses who will invest.
- It puts up \$100 million in old-fashioned Democratic "social programs."
- As a Detroit newsman put it, Archer didn't just bring home the pork, he brought "the whole hog." That money will be consumed without a trace.
- It requires cooperation among the city, neighborhood groups and sub-

urban investors putting up \$1.9 billion in job-producing enterprises.

The final point is most important. When Alexander Hamilton was designing an industrial economy 200 years ago, his first step was to woo and win the confidence of business investors. Archer is emulating Hamilton's move.

I took part in a Channel 7 program you can see at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 1, with Archer and several Detroit newsmen. Listen closely to Archer when he talks about the role of "grass-roots" efforts. Listen when he praises how "the business community weighs in." Pay attention when he acknowledges the support of U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Hills. Note well the mayor's comment that "I cannot do it all by myself."

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TIM RICHARD

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Archer role model? An equestrian statue of St. Stephen keeps watch over Matthias Church in Budapest.

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most lead, but which ultimately is up to the bureaucracy and the people. He has tons of admirers in the suburbs, Lansing and Washington. Now he needs to convert the home folks.

May the spirit of St. Stephen be with him.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events.

Crystal ball shows an eventful 1995 in public schools

QUESTION: With the new year upon us, what predictions do you have for education in 1995?

ANSWER: Predictions for 1995:

- Gov. John Engler, with the momentum he has, will come down on the Michigan Education Association as hard or harder in 1995 — defined any way you want. However, Engler will soften his language when speaking about teachers — all of whom vote, most of whom are moderates, and many of whom are (closet) conservatives.
- Sooner than one would expect, one of the private charter schools will be involved in a money scandal; that is, to where did the money disappear? It happens every time private entrepreneurs are seen as the light at the

end of the tunnel — the saviors of public education.

- I predict the empowerment of various parent and citizens groups will continue to grow — that is, grow until something goes drastically wrong. Then the empowered groups will disappear and dump the issue back on the local boards of education and superintendents' desks.
- Special education issues will be revisited — such as pupil/teacher ratios because the cost is now overwhelming. Indeed, I've seen special education classes of LDs (learning disabled) of five and six children with a full-time teacher's aide, while the teacher next to the class (with 33 slow learners) is at his/her wit's end. The "C" students are getting stifled with not having enough money available for massive vocational

and industrial, computer-driven programs as are found in other countries.

- Insignificant educational leaders will soon come to the realization that foreign language, started at the elementary level, should become an educational goal.
- The Michigan Department of Educa-

tion will revise its unrealistic MEAP standards for school accreditation. According to some educational sources, only about 10 percent of our school districts in the state will receive accreditation under the present plan.

The MEA leadership will have its share of issues:

- Teacher strikes, for a period, will become history with the \$5,000 penalty fee per day for each day out on strike now part of the law.
- MESSA insurance, the insurance plan of the National Education Association, could become history. It is excellent insurance but teachers will not strike for it.
- Certain "teachers" whose function in life it is to confront administration will turn their anger toward the local MEA



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School weapons law fires blank

By BOB NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Now that the tumult of the election has faded and the newly enlarged Engler family is home enjoying its first Christmas season together, maybe we can all take a deep breath and rethink this guns-in-school nonsense.

We have a new state law which mandates expulsion of any student caught bringing a weapon to school. The proposal sailed through both houses of the Legislature and straight into the Michigan Compiled Laws, stopping only briefly on the governor's desk for a signature. After all, nobody wants guns in school, right?

Well, of course not, though I don't see what that has to do with this law.

There's certainly no deterrent here, since any kid determined to bring a gun to school is hardly likely to see a yearlong vacation as punishment. But if the kid brings in the gun, he gets expelled, and that at least removes one problem, making that school much safer. Yes?

No. There's nothing to stop that same kid from coming back to school with a weapon. Name me one school in your neighborhood, or anywhere in the state, where it would be hard for a kid of the appropriate age to enter the school grounds or the building itself without being noticed. If that kid — expelled or not — really wants to get a gun into that school, he'll do it. And it will be, if you'll excuse the expression, child's play.

The few times this issue was debated during the campaign, supporters uniformly accused opponents of being more concerned about the rights of the punks (to stay in school) than the rights of the rest of the kids (to learn in a weapon-free atmosphere). What they either didn't understand or chose to ignore was that opposition to this law has nothing whatsoever to do with the "rights" of the punks.

You break a law, you give up some rights; we all understand that. Being concerned about the punk's future has nothing to do with his right to an education; it's about considering what he's likely to do once he's no longer in school.

Think about it. The type of kid who carries a gun around is probably a kid lacking parental supervision and is stable home. He's the type of kid who is likely to commit a crime. Kicking him out of school frees up a whole lot of time for that kid to spend vandalizing, robbing, experimenting with drugs, and worse. And all the while, he's getting better and better at his new career — the career which his expulsion gives

him little choice but to pursue.

Of course, the new law doesn't prohibit local districts from setting up alternative programs to handle the problem students. But neither does it require such programs. And anyway, who would pay for these things? The local districts, which now have little or no control over their own finances? Or the state, which is already jacking up to the constitutional limit while budget pressures mount on all sides?

There's more. What about the kid who simply doesn't think? As long as a student found carrying a weapon realizes it's dangerous, he's out. Think about the kindergarten who finds Daddy's unloaded pistol in a drawer and brings it in for show and tell. Does he deserve expulsion? What about the Boy Scout who leaves his fishing knife in his book bag? Does he?

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No longer can the school board decide whether a certain case warrants expulsion. The local district — certainly a better judge of a child's character and a given situation than is the Legislature — is no longer a factor.

I see this law as creating a situation where dangerous future criminals get put on the fast track in their careers, where innocent kids get thrown out of school for no good reason, and where the number of weapons in schools remains level at best. This cannot be what the governor — or anyone in Michigan — wants for young Hannah, Margaret and Madeleine. It ought to change.

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Holiday season of sharing, caring

At Greenmead: Pauline Schweiger (left) and Peggy Still decorate the yule tree after adding greenery throughout Greenmead Historical Village, Eight Mile at Newburgh, to prepare the village for public tours during the holiday period. The village was open on three Sundays in December with special musical attractions. The last Christmas tour was held yesterday (Dec. 28)



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Display: Students in the Plymouth Canton schools got a preview of what's to come when J.R. Lorentz, a carver, visited the schools before the holiday break.

Plymouth's getting ready for ice show

The 13th Annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular will take place Jan. 11-16 in downtown Plymouth.

Hundreds of thousands of pounds of ice will be transformed into dazzling displays by culinary artists who specialize in this rare and magical art form. Some of America's finest professional and student ice artisans as well as competitors from all over the world will create one-of-a-kind displays throughout the town square area of this quaint Western Wayne County community.

One of the highlights of this year's event will again be the team competitions. At 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, Plymouth will host a two-person professional team competition. Each team will receive 10 blocks of ice and will carve for 20 continuous hours, judging will take place at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14.

The college and high school team competitions will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, in Kellogg Park. Each of these teams will receive three blocks of ice and will have five hours to carve their work of art.

Other competitions this year

include the college and high school individual student competition from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, and the nonprofessional individual competition from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15. All carvers will compete for thousands of dollars in money and prizes.

Also showcased during this year's event will be a spectacular light show that will turn the ice sculptures and downtown Plymouth into a winter wonderland.

"Fantasyland," a themed ice display, will be highlighted in the Gathering. This week long display will incorporate theatrical lighting that will amaze, amuse and appeal to kids of all ages.

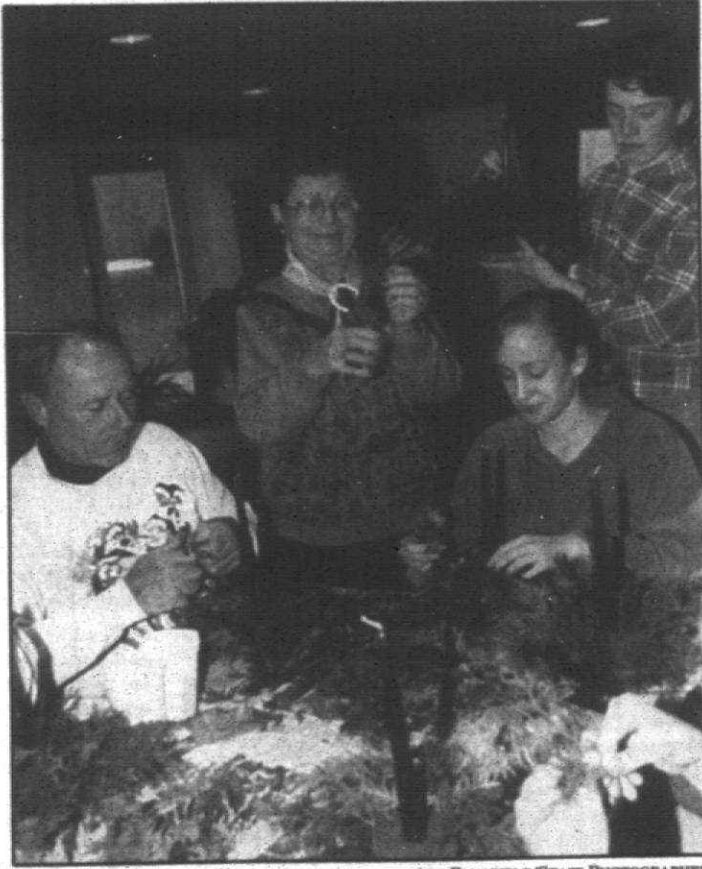
Cooking demonstrations will be held at Sideways on Forest Avenue and gingerbread houses, cake decorating contests and displays will be hosted by Westchester Mall.

A middle school art student ice sculpture contest will be held in conjunction with the festival, with the winning designs being carved by a professional carver. An award presentation will take place at 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16.



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Helping hand: Mayor Robert Thomas was one of many municipal employees and officials who helped the Salvation Army's Christmas campaign by serving as a bell-ringer at Westland Center. Money raised will be used to provide holiday food and items for needy families.



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Teens at work: John Apple (from left) of Farmington Hills, Nora Hardin of Westland, Tim O'Keefe of Canton and Lisa Turner of Livonia work on flower arrangements for the holiday for residents of the Angela Hospice Home Care Center in Livonia. The activity was part of a new teen volunteer program involving Angela Hospice Home Care of Livonia and Community Hospice Services of Westland.



Yule concert: The Burger Center Choir, made up of singers at the Garden City school for autistic students, enjoyed a visit from Santa Claus after singing traditional Christmas music recently at Westland Center. Other stops on their tour during the holiday season included Wonderland Center and the Northwest Airlines terminal at Metro Airport.



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Pride: Winners of the middle school ice carving design contest pose with their awards in front of the Kellogg Park fountain. They are (from left) Ashley Bowsman, Tim Bruce, Jeremy Borsos and Carrie Dzialo.

NEW VOICES

JAMES YOUNGQUIST of Pontiac and **KIMBERLY YOUNGQUIST** announce the birth of **KATRINA LEE** Oct. 13. She has a sister, Kirsten, 5, and a brother, Jarrett, 3. Her mother is a captain in the U.S. Air Force, stationed at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dean of Livonia. Great-grandmother is June Hicks of Livonia.

KEN and LORI BESSINGER of Canton announce the birth of **LINDSEY NICOLE** Nov. 10 at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital in Garden City. She has a brother, Kevin Richard, 5, and a sister, Andrea Marie, 2½. Grandparents are Howard and Carole Yeakle of Canton and Frances and Darlya Bessinger of AuGres,

Mich. Great-grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Nelson Kennedy of Sterling, Mich.

ROBB and POLLY LaCHAPPELLE of St. Paul, Minn., announce the birth of **CURTIS JUDD** Oct. 24. Grandparents are Ed and Ruth Judd of Plymouth and Gene and Mary Lou LaChapelle of Marquette, Mich.

SHARON WILLIAMS of Livonia announces the arrival of **ALEXANDRA TREASE JUDE** Sept. 13. She was born June 23 in Guatemala. She has a sister Kaitlyn, 3½, also born in Guatemala. Grandparents are Leon (Bill) and Nancie Williams of Livonia.

KEVIN and JACKIE D'ARCY of Canton announce the

birth of **KEVIN MICHAEL JR.** Nov. 16, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Julian and Judy Phelps in Livonia and Dennis and Ann D'Arcy in Livonia. Great-grandparents are Evelyn Renaud in Livonia, Callie Phelps in Westland and Mary Porta of Tennessee.

STEVEN and MARIE BARNES of Plymouth announce the birth of **ALEXANDER PHILIP** Nov. 4 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

GARY and CHERYL ZUZO of Canton announce the birth of **BRENTON ROSS ZUZO** Sept. 20 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He has a sister, Brielle. Grandmother is Dolores

Perelli of Dearborn Heights. Great-grandmother Elena Perelli of Dearborn.

NABIL and CHERI ANN RAHAL announce the birth of **SARAH NOEL** Nov. 22 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills.

KEN and DIANE HARRISON of Plymouth announce the birth of **RACHEL MARIE** at Catherine McCauley Health Center in Ann Arbor. She has two brothers, Chris, 5, and Brett, 3. Grandparents are Ruth Smith of Saline and Mr. and Mrs. David Bays and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Harrison, all of Battle Creek.

DALE and CONNIE STRINGER of Westland an-

nounce the birth of **BRETT DANIEL CORNELIUS** Nov. 16 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He has a brother, David, and a sister, Christen. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. Niemczyk of Garden City and Jane Stringer of Farmington.

DAVID and MICHELLE HOULE of Plymouth announce the birth of **DAVID EUGENE JR.** Oct. 10 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

FRANK POWERS and MARY FRIS POWERS of Pinckney announce the birth of **CHRISTOPHER THOMAS** Nov. 12 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Tom and Rose Fries of Redford.

VINCENT and JAHNA KOTCHER of Canton announce the birth of **CHRISTOPHER JAMES** Nov. 2 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

RON and CELINE TETRAULT of Garden City announce the birth of **CAMERON LEE** Nov. 16 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tetrault of Naples, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dryden of Livonia.

DONALD and DARLENE WILK of Redford announce the births of **ALEXA KRISTINE** and **DANIEL JOSEPH** Oct. 25 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Grandparents are Joseph and Zenia Koeh of Beverly Hills, Fla., and Anne Wilk of Eastpointe.

LET'S GO!

Your guide to suburban entertainment

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1994

ON THE MARQUEE



KEELY WYGONIK

Sing out this year, let your voice be heard

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a happy holiday. Let's Go!

■ Let your voice be heard this year, join a community chorus. The Livonia Civic Chorus, which is celebrating its 30th season this year, will be holding auditions 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10 and 17 at Frost Middle School on Stark Road, north of the Jeffries Expressway.

They're especially in need of altos, tenors and basses. The chorus, sponsored by the Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation and directed by Jim Whitten, draws members from Livonia, and surrounding communities. For information, call (313) 421-0627.

■ Schoolcraft Community Choir, also celebrating its 30th season this year, is holding auditions for new members 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road (west of Inkster Road) in Livonia. Director Donald Stromberg invites experienced singers of all voice parts to audition. To schedule an appointment, or for more information, call choir president, Shari Clason (810) 349-8175 or Schoolcraft's Continuing Education Services department, (313) 462-4448.

■ Rehearsals for the ninth season of the Plymouth Oratorio Society begin 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9 at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Road, between Sheldon and Canton Center roads in Canton. The selected works to be performed on May 7, 1995 are "Gloria" by F. Poulenc and "Requiem" by G. Faure. No auditions required, members must pay for their music scores or supply their own. For information, call (313) 761-2991.

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Nearly 1,200 Michigan restaurants have decided that smoking and dining are like oil and vinegar — they don't mix.

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Find out what's on stage in your community.

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John Monaghan looks at the best movies of 1994.

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Weekend getaways help cure winter blues.

Music

Big Block is this year's band of the year.

Looking ahead

► Win tickets to take your family to see Sesame Street Live.

► Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular comes to town Jan. 11-16.



WILLIAM HANSEN

Filming: Filmmaker Mike Pacitto and his wife Anne Marie Kanakis work a scene from "XTINCT."

BY KYLE GREEN
SPECIAL WRITER

No artillery shells have been launched, but there's a revolution going on in the movie industry. Small budget movies with no named stars or solid plots are grossing as much as glossy no topic, bright stared productions in mass release.

Independent movie productions are nothing new in the industry except now there are more of them. "Clerks," a loose fitting comedy, which focused on life in a convenience-food store, has drawn almost \$1 million at the box office. It was filmed on a \$27,600 budget.

Like "Clerks" which draws its cast from Generation X — people born from 1965 to 1975, many independent productions tackle apathy and laziness.

"I hate when people say that 'Generation X' is not a label," said 24-year-old Mike Pacitto of Troy, who hopes to declare his own revolt with his independent film "XTINCT."

"Generation X like to act rebellious, but they didn't have to

GENERATION X FILMMAKER JOINS REVOLT

fight or know what it is like to go through war," said Pacitto. "They don't know how to fight because there is no true role model to fight for. We're not all unmotivated, Nine Inch Nails listeners..."

Pacitto hopes to expose the plights of Generation X in his film.

Armed with a solid script he wrote, his main character Thunderbird, is a mid-20 something businessman who becomes tangled up with a crowd that tries to exploit him.

In the movie, characters reveal Generation X traits — lack of authority, and a bleak view of life. Pacitto hopes audiences will

identify with, and use the film as a self-awareness tactic.

"I wanted a beginning and an ending to the scenes, a conflict and a resolution," he said. "With the 'Crow' it was as if the audience was a baby and the 'Crow' just fed you with (open plot). It was so redundant and the script was predictable. That movie was shot so many times in the 1970s."

A 1992 University of Michigan graduate with a bachelor's degree in English and communications, Pacitto works at the Ford Motor Company plant in Utica. He works on his production every spare moment he has, planning and plotting movie details.

Even with his wife Anne Marie Kanakis, who grew up in Livonia producing, Pacitto said he has little time to do much of anything.

Scenes have been shot throughout metro Detroit every weekend since August. Locations have including alleys in Royal Oak, the basement of an East

See REVOLT, 2B

Personal stakes high in gamble to make movies

BY KYLE GREEN
SPECIAL WRITER

Many aspiring independent filmmakers and silver screen stars hope sweat, hard work, lack of sleep, large financial loans and maxed out credit cards will pave their "Yellow Brick Road" to Hollywood.

Assuming both the assistant producer and a starring role in "The Incorporated," an action/adventure drama, has not only widened Livonia native Steve Gibbons' understanding of the movie industry, but inspired him to continue to perform.

"It's interesting to see it from both sides of the camera. I hear the actor's end, then the next day I hear it all from behind the lens," said Gibbons, 23, a 1989 Stephens High School graduate.

Gibbons plays Sean Fox in the production. Behind the scenes he is responsible for public relations and other production roles. After production is completed he intends to move to New York City.

His current responsibility is not charity work, he said.

"I am going to walk away with something," he said. "If this movie does well I will walk away with a lot of money. If not I will simply walk away with the experience."

"The Incorporated" is former Troy resident John Reneaud's fourth film in the last four years, but this is his first lead position as Alan



Steve Gibbons



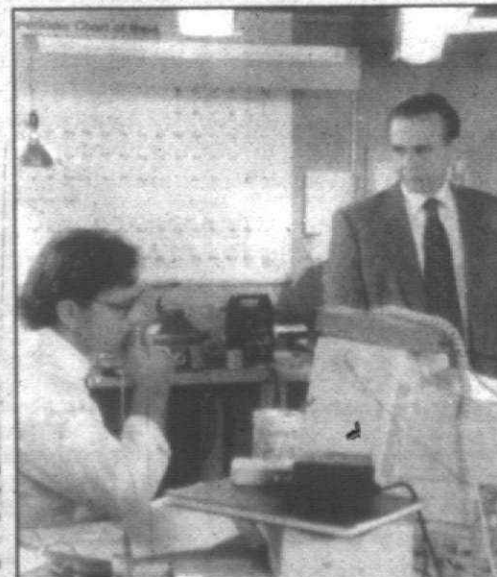
John Reneaud

Freeling, an over-focused inventor on the brink of a revolutionary energy source when his benefactor pulls its financial support.

"I'm normally casted as the bad guy," said Reneaud, 33. "See, I work construction and I do roofing and my arms and shoulders are larger than a normal lead character's. I guess everyone thinks a small guy can only play leads. The people who have used me (in this production) have gone out of their way to use me."

Reneaud is grateful to have his role which he hopes will spark further feature roles, but he foresees balancing acting and construction over the next 10 years.

See MOVIES, 2B



In the act: John Reneaud (left) is Alan Freeling and Jeff Boerger (Robert) in "The Incorporated," an action/adventure drama.

GO! STREET SCENE

Readers prove music matters

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

The support of local music is strong and Observer & Eccentric readers proved it. They filled our mailbox and hotline with nominees for this year's Band of the Year. Here's a sampling of what they had to say:

- John Swain of Livonia on last year's winner The Verve Pipe: "Me and my buddies, we've been to about 20 (of their) shows over the year. They get better and better every time we see them and they're pretty accessible before and after shows..."
- Lisa Hayduk of Westland on rock band Station Nein: "They do write a lot of their own songs. I just think they're really, really good."
- Kim Wilson of Rochester on industrial mavens HAL: "They're one of the best local bands in Detroit. They put on a great show when you go and see them live."
- Norma Smith of Livonia on Robb Roy: "Their music is very personable and hand-written."
- Westland resident Barbara Pohl on the modern country band Waco Band: "It plays great country music and also plays other alternative music."
- Beverly Hills resident Bonnie Davis, a self-proclaimed "middle-aged housewife sort of a person," voted for Discipline: "I was impressed by the talent of the young people writing their own music and the artistic way that they present their music."

■ Vicky Kilius of Redford on the East Lansing band and reggae band Global Village: "They're really fun to watch. There's always things going on. The horn section is really cool. They're always dancing around."

■ Bonnie Sparks of Westland on rockers Blue-Eyed Soul: "I think they're great. They've done a lot of things. They've come a long way... I've (only) missed five shows..."

■ Eleven-year-old Heather White of Southfield on her brother rock musician "Taddy Richards": "I like his kind of music because he's my brother, but that's not really the reason. I like the beat and the rhythm and the lyrics."

■ Theresa Goldenstein of West Bloomfield on the rock band Beer Whores: "They're good. They've played a lot of big clubs. They're a good bunch of kids and they deserve a break."

■ Other nominees included: Higher, The Exceptions, Steve King and the Ditties, Upper Level, Hooplaopoppers, The Yesmen, Walk on Water, Full House, Empower, New Clothes, The Sillies, Outrageous Cherry, Rootbox, Immigrant Sons, Punch n' Kitty, Tearjerks and the Vudu Hippies.

Fan favorite: Ann Arbor-based gothic rock band Wig got a lot of family support on the Band of the Year hotline. Grandmother Carol Walitalo of Livonia and sister Katie Jimmerson of Canton gave the band thumbs up.

A look at 1994

Breakups — The Hannibals, BOP (harvey), The Opague, Asian Love Pimp, Red C, Urban Voodoo Juice, Tickwessel, Wouldahad, Plastic Forest, Jigsaw Jungle, Sweetfish and Rhythm and Rain.

New bands — Nineteen Wheels and Tearjerks (both featuring ex-Hannibals), Rootbox (with ex-Urban Voodoo Juice), Daddy Longlegs (with ex-BOP harvey) and Immortal Whines of Soul (from The Generals and Culture Bandits).

Releases — Sponge, Big Chief and Wig all released their major label debuts. The avant-garde jazz band, Blue Dog, released its debut for John Zorn's Knitting Factory label. Higher's second pressing of its eponymous debut EP featured producer Jack Fiumi (Bird Roy).

Other bands releasing product: Rocket 455, The Lovemasters, Godzuki, Cathouse, Volebeats, Crossed Wire, Skeleton Crew, Priscilla Ederle, ICP, Tickwessel, The Exceptions, General Clutcrunk, The Have Nots, Some People's Children, Immigrant Sons, Big Block, Oriental Seas, Yard Boys, Wally Pleasant, Bent Lucy, Downer's Grove, Jason McCauley Berry and the All Night Fish March, Madcity Crank, Blue's So Huge, Princess Dream, Mental Landscape, Four Hands, Sister Seed, The Goldenstones, The Deterants, Kid Rock, Mary McGuire, Pets or Meat, Outrageous Cherry, Slot, Mule, Michael on Fire, Lollipop Guild, Scott Fab, Heaven's Wish, General Clutcrunk, Detroit Music Alliance, Thundercherry, Rollinghead, James Wallin and "Christ-mas in Detroit Too."

Now in '95 — Releases by Fiction, Speedball (on New York's Ensign Records), Charm Farm, Outrageous Cherry, 3rd Nature, Daddy Stitch, Joe Gnu, Skinhorse, The Pretty Green, Spank, Rootbox, Goobar & The Peas, Kenny Larkin, Universal Stomp, Scott Stern, Nineteen Wheels, ICP, Laughing Hymns, Head Injury, Alex Lumsley, Robb Roy, Forehead Stew, Big Block, Tearjerks, Pogo and the "Riot '67" Detroit compilation disc.

— Compiled by Christina Fuoco

Band of the Year



Big sound: Big Block will perform with Goobar & The Peas, Tearjerks and The Verve Pipe on New Year's Eve at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit.

Big Block supercharges music



BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Big Block guitarist/lyricist Kenny Tudrick is a most unlikely rock star. The shy Tudrick and his profound sense of innocence shuffle into a coffeehouse, sit hat pulled tight around his mop-top hair. When asked about his lyrics, he just smiles and shifts around in his seat nervously.

Everything he and vocalist/guitarist Nick Lucassian are able to talk about, Tudrick said, they say through Big Block. Their musical form of therapy has allowed them to vent their frustrations about living without phones and other luxuries but with rats, getting little respect and broken relationships. They're the poet laureates of Detroit's rock scene.

The band is one of the future voices of the Detroit rock scene and as a result is The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' 1994 Band of the Year. Big Block's supercharged rock drags along lyrics like "I'm the least

wanted reaction on a carnival attraction. Feel like a town that no one wants to be..." I'm sad and disillusioned jumped down all the wrong conclusions. Feel like a town where no one wants to be."

In "Under Construction," Tudrick has written eerily prophetic lyrics: "I got my tape in my pocket, goin' to number 1, should be shootin' like a rocket." The kings of the three-minute pop rock songs, they don't waste any time on their debut CD "Guardrail" (Rustbelt). The 11-song CD is 35 minutes long and a record company talent scout's dream.

There's a lot more to Big Block than Tudrick and Lucassian's lyrics. Lucassian has proved with Big Block and through his acoustic shows with Crossed Wire's Chris Moore that he has one of the most versatile voices in Detroit. He flitters between his "smoked too many cigarettes" emotionally raw vocals and its flawless step-brother. "Guardrail" explodes from the opening song "Release" and continues the energy through "Beautiful."

The cascading and swirling guitar solos show no mercy. There's no ignoring Big Block. Listeners to 89X apparently feel the same. DJ Vince Cannova played a song from "Guardrail" as the "Catch of the Day" and the response was feverish. Not bad, considering Tudrick didn't even think the station would play it. "We dropped it off and they put it on three hours later," Tudrick said. "We didn't even get to hand it right to Vince. We gave it to a secretary and said, 'You're sure you're going to give it to him?'"

"Feverish" can be used to describe Big Block's live shows as well. Lucassian (a future Sassy magazine pin-up if I've ever seen) commands his guitar like his audience — it's never out of the control and always in his grasp. Kim Garrett of Westland first saw Big Block a few years ago as part of an acoustic showcase at St. Andrew's Hall and immediately bought their single "Beautiful/Grounded."

"I just thought they were awesome. I bought it and kind of forgot that I didn't have a record player," said Garrett, who plans on spending New Year's Eve at their St. Andrew's Hall gig. "I try to see them as many times as I can."

"I can't really explain why I like them. There's just something about them. They have catchy lyrics like the Gin Blossoms, but rock like the Offspring."

Big Block has always been one of Detroit's best-kept secrets. Forming only a few years ago, the band — which also includes bassist Joe Proper and drummer Scott MacDonald — quickly made a name for itself with its high-speed yet melodic, two-guitar assault.

Struggling to make ends meet, the foursome lived together in a rat-infested home which later proved to be inspirational. To give fans a sampling of their talents, the band included new songs and some from that time on "Guardrail." (Another new song, "New Day," appears on the "Riot '67" compilation which benefits Angela Hospice in Livonia.)

"Those are good songs. Those are really big parts of what we are," Tudrick said. "It represents where we were and where we are."

Big Block plays St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, with Goobar & The Peas, Tearjerks and The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' 1993 Band of the Year, The Verve Pipe, on New Year's Eve. Tickets are \$17.50. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT or (810) 645-6666.

Big Block's live shows as well. Lucassian (a future Sassy magazine pin-up if I've ever seen) commands his guitar like his audience — it's never out of the control and always in his grasp.

In Concert

Information on limited engagements only should be submitted two weeks in advance to: Christina Fuoco, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. The venues' complete street addresses and phone numbers with area codes must be included.

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With Bobby Blue Band, Gerald Austin and The Mannattans at Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (blues) (313) 396-7600

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With 3-D Invisibles at Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. (alternative rock) (313) 966-8555

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Chrisy, 101 N. Main, Mount Clemens. (blues) (810) 463-4330

FRANKIE RODRIGUEZ
Griff's Grill, 40 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (rock) (313) 338-9292

BOYZ N' MEN
With Babyface and Tevin Campbell at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 175 and Lapeer Road, Auburn Hills. (pop/R&B) (810) 377-0100

AS GRU
With Calamity Jane at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (blues/rock) (313) 961-MELT

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With 7,000 Dying Rats at 3-D, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. (alternative rock) (810) 589-3344

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BLACK MARKET
Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. (punk) (313) 966-8555

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Q Club, 29 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. (blues) (810) 334-7411

GOOBER & THE PEAS
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With Pop We Eat Itself and the Jim Rose Circus Sideshow at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 175 and Lapeer Road, Auburn Hills. (blues) (810) 377-0100

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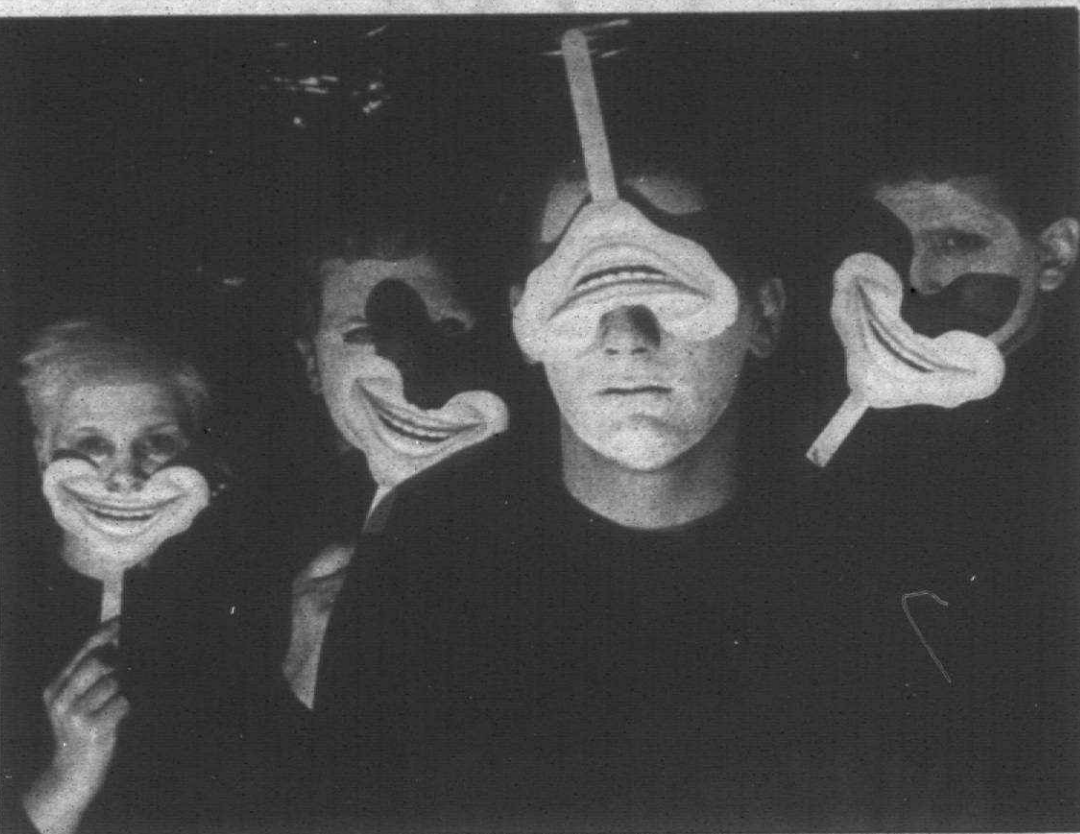
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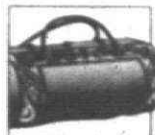
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LET'S
GO! TRAVEL

Discover hidden treasures in southwest Michigan

BY MARY QUINLEY
SPECIAL WRITER

It doesn't take a detective to discover the treasures in mitten-shaped Michigan's southwest corner. Your basic weekend getaway ingredients will do.

Gather the kids, sweatshirts and snacks, and point the van westward on I-94 to St. Joseph (twin city to Benton Harbor).

Joey wants to learn some basic sign language skills. And Suzie's interested in zoetropes. Does anyone have a clue how to freeze our shadows to a wall? The downtown Curious Kids, Museum offers solutions.

"Our philosophy is 'Learn By Doing,'" said Sherri Alexander, Education Director. And everything in the museum involves "doing."

The museum's two floors crammed (nicely!) with sit down, stand up and climb through "hands-on" exhibits require little tykes to make some crucial choices about their venture.

Six-year-old Jessica knows exactly where to begin. She makes a beeline for the do-it-yourself Face Painting Station. Finding an empty seat she focuses on her image in the mirror and skillfully applies shades of plum purple

and hazy yellow to her cheekbones.

The young boy in the next seat applies the finishing touches to the murky-brown football smeared on his forehead.

While the big kids mull over the apple facts display, preschoolers work diligently at "picking" apples from a tree and sending them up the hopper for "processing."

Call (616) 983-CKID. Admission fee charged.

Lake Bluff Park across from the museum provides an ideal vantage point for both railroad buffs (our family has two!) and freighter-watchers.

The Amtrak squeals into town, exchanges passengers and zips away. Depending on weather and schedules, the train bridge maneuvers a 90 degree turn making room for an approaching freighter.

Just minutes north of downtown hidden on the shores of the St. Joseph River, U.S. Coast Guard station personnel conduct free mini-tours, time permitting. Informal tours given by appointment only include a peek at the watch room to listen to radio conversations and current weather reports.

The Coast Guard urges visitors to call (616) 983-6114 before making plans to tour the station.

During warmer months, you can take off our shoes and climb, crawl or creep to the top edge of the sand hills at Warren Dunes State Park in nearby Bridgman. Or, just sit at the bottom and enjoy the spectacular lake view.

Once everyone collapses at the top edge of the sand dune, take some long deep breaths and gaze out beyond the beach at the churning teal-gray waters of Lake Michigan.

Nuclear lowdown

Everything you always wanted to know about nuclear energy (and more) is cleverly explained in laymen's language via three theater presentations at the Cook Energy Information Center in Bridgman.

In Theater I a mock television studio features life-like newscasters Jared and Velva.

"Those reporters look real weird," whispers a young audience member.

Yes — the two futuristic humanoids resemble real people (a little rigid perhaps) as they cohost Energy Update 2001. The show focuses on the various types of energy needed to supply electricity for the earth in the next century.

Curious about the inner work-

ings of a nuclear plant? A 26-foot scale model rotates in Theater II. Visitors stand on a platform watching and listening as flashing yellow bulbs highlight the plant's major systems.

Theater III positions the viewer inside the plant for a birds-eye view via a wide screen presentation.

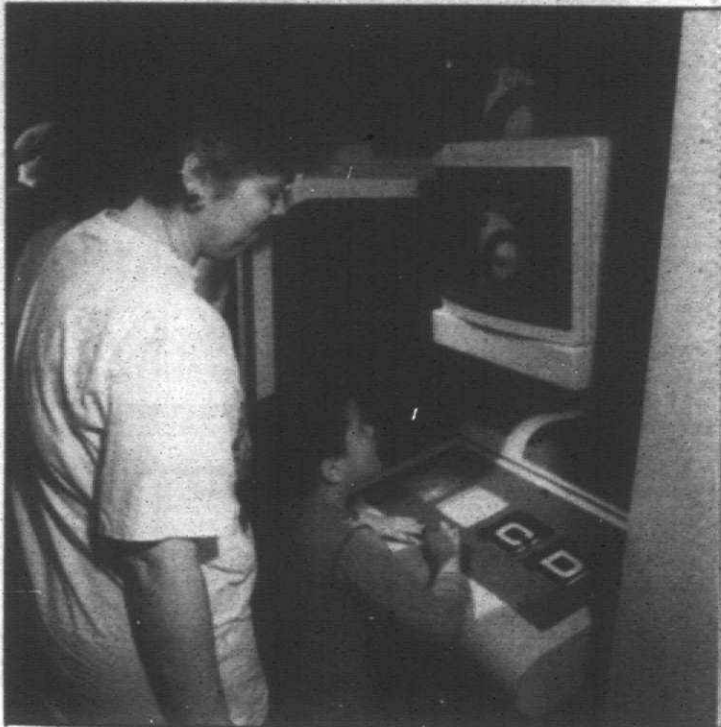
Kids love the energy-related touch screen computer tests and the hand-powered generator in the lobby.

Admission is free to the Cook Energy Information Center which is open Tuesday through Sunday. Call (800) 548-2555 or (616) 465-6101.

Before you begin your search for Michigan's southwestern towns call first. Many of the area attractions are not open every day, and some are seasonal.

For further information contact the Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council, 2300 Pipestone Road, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022 or call (616) 925-6301.

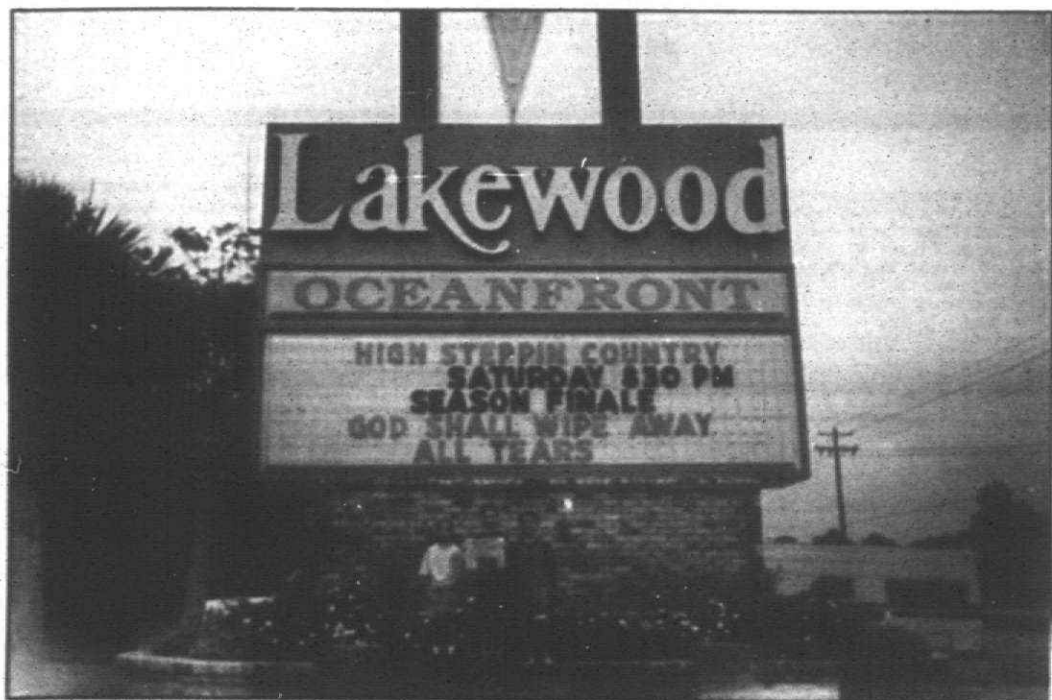
What's your favorite winter getaway? Send photos, and information to: Keely Wygonik, editor, Let's Go!, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. We'll print as many photos and stories as space permits.



COOK ENERGY INFORMATION CENTER

Educational getaway: Everything you always wanted to know about nuclear energy is cleverly explained at the Cook Energy Information Center in Bridgman. Hands-on exhibits like this one, make it a popular family destination.

Wish you were here



Vacation memories: The Kardel family of Canton sent us this picture taken in August 1994 at Lakewood Camping Resort, right on the ocean, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The three boys in the picture are Matthew Kardel, 12, Kevin Kardel, 11, and Steven Kardel, 8.

Get away for the weekend

What's your cure for cabin fever?

The Kardel Family of Canton heads for the Clarion Hotel on Twelve Mile Road near Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. "It's our favorite winter getaway for overnight," they wrote.

"We think it has the warmest indoor pool in the metro Detroit area!"

The Clarion Hotel & Executive Suites is at 31525 W. Twelve Mile Road. For information about weekend rates, call (810) 553-0000.

Chicago Hilton and Towers is offering a \$109 "Winter in Chicago" rate good for single or double occupancy per night, including continental breakfast. Kids stay free. Call 1-800-Hiltons or (312) 922-4400 for information.

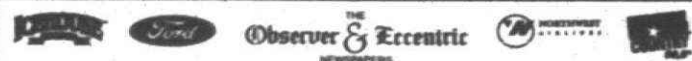
Amenities include kids meals and 20 yard swimming pool. The hotel is at 720 S. Michigan Ave. and overlooks Grant Park and Lake Michigan.

Only a block away are world renowned museums and theaters including the Art Institute, Auditorium Theatre, Field Museum, Oceanarium and more.

Wish You Were Here



Not that Toledo: Joan Flohr of Livonia is a travel agent who says her business is her hobby. Not a bad hobby either. This picture shows Flohr looking over the old walled city of Toledo, Spain, which she visited in November.



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Indoor soccer champs

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club Wings, an under-12 boys team, recently captured the first indoor session at Total Soccer in Farmington Hills with a 7-0-1 record.

Members of the Wings, coached by Frank Baker and Jim Davis, include Frank Baker, Greg Boothroyd, Matt Daly, Dan Davis, Chris Derrig, Brian Hagan, Matt Isner, Adam King, Jared Kullman, Kris Landis, Nick LaPlaca, John Leannais, Chad Lloyd, Justin Palmer, Mike Reid, Brandon Vandette, Ryan Vandette and Ryan Zajac. The team manager is Paulette Baker.

■ The Livonia YMCA Premier Soccer Club '85 Michigan Wolves, coached by Joe Knoeri, finished 8-0 at Total Soccer.

Members of the Wolves include Tim Allen, Michael Borowiak, Mike Budd, Josh Churella, Brian Clement, Brady Crosby, Jeff Ehehalt, Wesley Fann, Keith Mullins, Matt Okopry, Brian Pope, Jerred Schell, Mike Simons, Josh Van Cleef and Tony Zenn. Assistant coaches include Pat Frederick and Andy Shiner. The team manager is Edward Allen.

College sports note

Missouri Valley College cross country runner Dana Keller (Livonia Churchill) competed in the NAIA women's championships, Nov. 19 in Kenosha, Wis.

The senior's personal best time for 3.1 miles was 19:47, good enough for a third place finish in the Heart of America Conference.

Keller, a Summa Cum Laude graduate in math and elementary education, also lettered three seasons as a goalkeeper for the women's soccer team.

Good sports are winners

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has announced the recipients for the Good Sports Are Winners! awards for the recently-completed 1994 fall season.

The following Observerland winners were honored:

BOYS SOCCER: Plymouth Canton (Class A district).
FOOTBALL: Livonia Stevenson (Class AA regional).
GIRLS BASKETBALL: Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson (Class A district), Plymouth Canton (Class A district, regional), Westland Huron Valley (Class D district).

St. Mary cools off CC, 67-50

■ Redford Catholic Central suffered its first cage defeat of the season when highly-regarded Orchard Lake St. Mary Prep came away with a 67-50 victory.

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central lost more than a basketball game Friday.

Adding insult to injury in a 67-50 home-court defeat to Orchard Lake St. Mary Prep, the Shamrocks also will be without the services of starter Justin Hoener.

The junior point-guard will be out the next eight weeks with a broken leg.

Hoener, who sat most of the first half because of a disciplinary suspension handed down by the Catholic League, landed awkwardly on his right leg on a drive to the basket late in the third quarter.

"It was just a regular play," Hoener said. "I just landed on it the wrong way. When I came down I heard it crack."

"It's surprising it came in basketball. I've had a few broken bones, but never my leg or ankle."

Hoener's cast was set that night at Henry Ford Hospital.

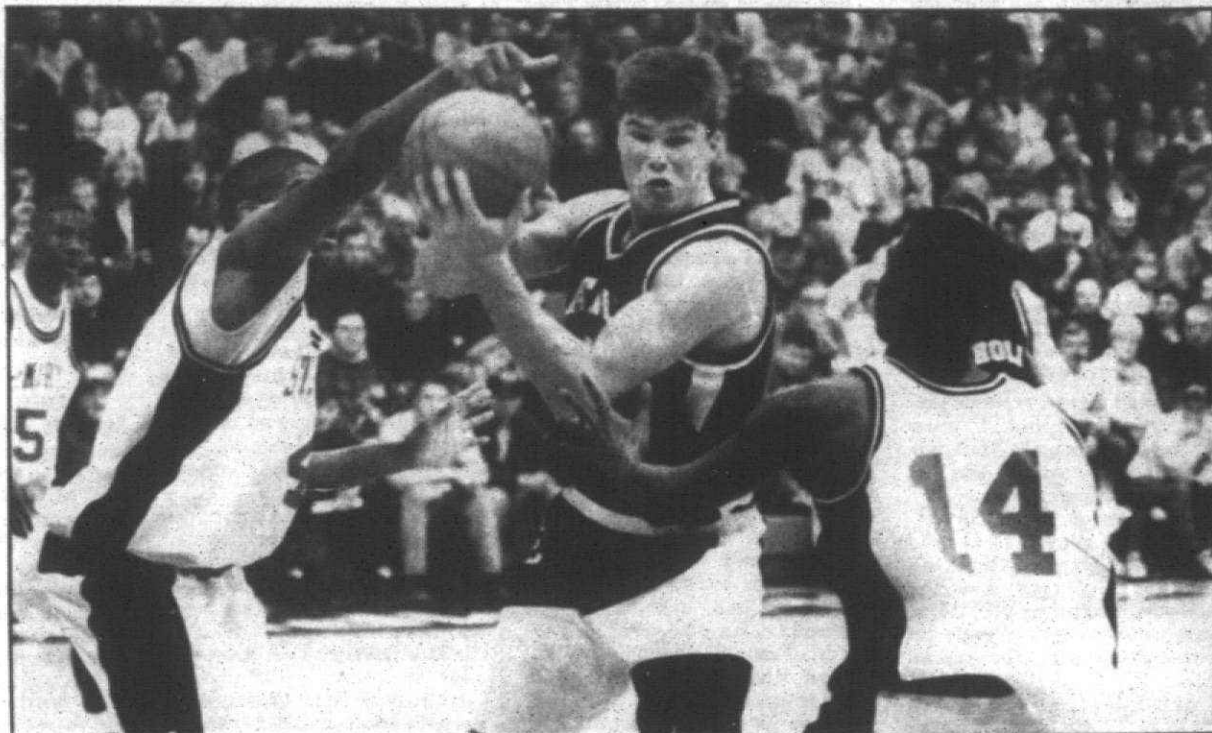
"All I can do is study and lift (weights)," Hoener said. "My season is pretty much lost."

The Shamrocks, who suffered their first defeat in five games, simply couldn't handle the athleticism of unbeaten St. Mary (3-0), which returns several key players off last year's state Class C runner-up team.

The Eagles came out strong, jumping out to a 17-8 first-quarter lead before CC trimmed the deficit to four at intermission, 28-24.

"At halftime I felt good because we started out slow and came back," CC first-year coach Rick Coratti said. "I thought we'd give it a run."

That run ended abruptly in the



ANN HEALEY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tight squeeze: Catholic Central's Eron Kosmowski (with ball) finds himself surrounded by Orchard Lake players David Bowens (left) and Kyo Jones (right).

third quarter as St. Mary grew red-hot, making 11 of 13 shots from the floor during a 23-12 surge.

"Patience was the key," Orchard Lake coach Denny Butcher said. "We jumped on them early because we got the ball inside, but then we went away from that."

"We got too fast and a little out of control. It was one pass, shot... one pass, shot... but when you make that extra pass, you get lay-ups, and that shows."

CC, despite three straight free throws by Ryan McKenna to start the fourth quarter, never came closer than 13 points the rest of the way.

Sophomore point-guard Kyo Jones led a balanced St. Mary scoring attack with 14 points.

Then came the team's three heralded athletes — 6-4 David Bowens, 6-3 Diallo Johnson and 6-3 Daryl Adams — contributing 13 points apiece.

It was nearly a repeat of the football encounter earlier this fall between the two schools. The talented trio gave CC fits in a 20-0 win.

Bowens, a 215-pound linebacker who recently committed to Michigan in football, also grabbed 13 rebounds and five assists.

Johnson snared nine rebounds, while Adams had five steals.

Kyle Baldwin chipped in with eight points.

"These guys are ready to play," said Butcher, whose team started late during the preseason because of St. Mary's 13-0 championship run in

football (resulting in a Class CC state crown).

Mike Ridley and Chris Misiak scored 16 and 11 points, respectively, to pace the Shamrocks.

For the game, CC connected on just 20 of 55 shots from the field (36.3 percent).

"We just didn't hit the shots," Coratti said. "And we had some good shots, but they just didn't fall."

Coratti, however, knew his team was up against a talented St. Mary group.

"They could play," the CC coach said. "Except for Ypailanti, they were quicker than any of the other three teams we've faced. But they're more athletic."

YEAR IN REVIEW: '94

Observerland flashed its muscle and grit in 1994

BY CHRIS MCCOSKY
STAFF WRITER

You can pretty much nutshell the 1994 Observerland year in sports in three words: comebacks, championships and coaching changes.

Thirteen area coaches either left voluntarily or were given a bit of a shove. Area teams won state titles in four sports and five individual titles were claimed. As for comebacks, few could top the courage shown by Clarenceville football coach Chuck Donaldson, former Livonia Stevenson all-star Bryan Morrison and Joe Brodie, son of Plymouth Salem basketball coach Bob Brodie.

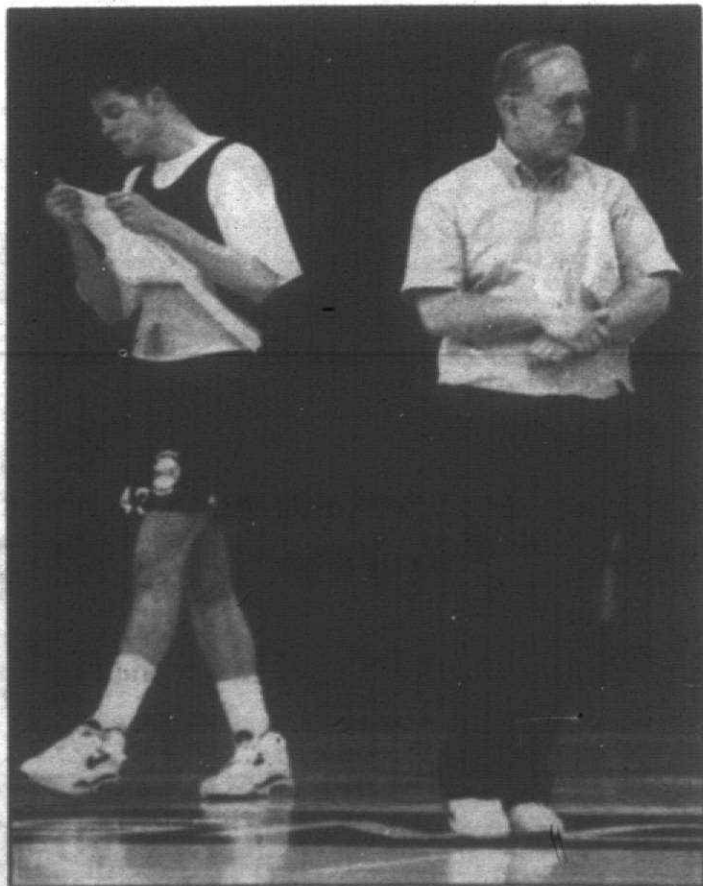
We offer the top 10 Observerland sports stories of 1994:

1. **State champions:** Observerland really flexed its muscle in 1994. Redford Catholic Central won the Class A title in hockey. Redford Bishop Borgess won its second straight Class C girls basketball title. Farmington Harrison won its second straight Class A football title, the seventh under Coach John Herrington. Plymouth Canton won its first ever Class A boys soccer title.

Individually, Plymouth Canton freshman Katey Gilles stole the show at the state gymnastics meet winning all-around honors. Livonia Stevenson sophomore Anne Aristeo won the state swim titles in both the 200-yard individual medley and the 500 freestyle. Another double-event state swim champ was North Farmington's Jon Kershaw, who won the 100 and 200 freestyle events.

There were two state wrestling champions: Stevenson's Craig Martin, Class A 189-pound class, and Redford Thurston's Lusey Haddad, Class B 129 pounds.

2. **Coaching changes:** Plymouth Canton was hit the hardest here. The Chiefs lost swim coach Hooper Wellman (15 years, resigned), boys basketball coach Dave Van Wagoner (10 years, resigned) and baseball coach Ed



Bye-bye Bernie: Long-time Catholic Central coach Bernie Holowicki, he of the 600-plus victories, was one of 13 area coaches to bid adieu in 1994.

Turek (one year, resigned). Hooker Wellman's departure created one of the strangest coaching combinations in the state: Plymouth Salem wrestling coach Ron Krueger is now the girls swim coach at rival Plymouth Canton.

Take a deep breath. Here are the other coaches who left in 1994: Bernie Holowicki, Catholic Central basketball, 23 years, forced out (see story No. 3); Dave Catherman, Farmington track, 24 years, retired; Lynn Reed, Oak-

land Community College men's basketball, four decades, temporary leave; Tom Nagoshian, North Farmington boys basketball, 11 years; John Gravin, Plymouth Salem baseball, 11 years; Bob Holmes, Livonia Franklin track, 25 years, retired; Jim Karoub, Franklin football, one year, resigned; Nick O'Shea, Schoolcraft Community College soccer, took job at Oakland University; Matt

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Lady Crusaders' Koenig nets 28 in cage victory

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Vikki Koenig illustrated why practice makes perfect Tuesday scoring a game-high 28 points to go along with 17 rebounds in Madonna University's 79-64 women's basketball win over West Liberty State.

Madonna, which has won four of its last five, improves to 7-8 overall.

West Liberty State, located near Wheeling, W.V., falls to 4-3. Koenig, a 6-foot senior center from Sterling Heights, tied the school single-game high point to total held by Cheri Sangregrito. She hit 11 of 17 shots from the floor before fouling out with 5:21 to go.

Koenig, who's been averaging 14 points and 10 rebounds per game, put things in high gear during the opening half, pouring in 21 points as the Crusaders enjoyed a 44-38 halftime advantage.

"Vikki had a great practice yesterday (Monday) and I knew she'd be hot today," Madonna coach Bill Potter said. "I was just hoping it would carry over."

"She's been our most consistent and steady player. If we need a rebound or bucket, she'll get it."

Madonna, playing hawking man-to-man defense, held West Liberty to only six field goals (in 28 attempts) during the second half.

"Our defense has been good the whole year," Potter said. "Playing tougher competition earlier in the year made us mentally tough."

West Liberty sophomore point-guard Joanna Bernabei, an NAIA All-American, suffered through an off-night with only nine points and six assists.

"They (Madonna) did a great job on our point-guard" fourth-year West Liberty coach Lynn Ullom said. "They took her out of her game. Their guards pushed us out of our (offensive) sets."

"We had heard that they (Madonna) play hard and get after it. I'm real disappointed, not so

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much by the effort, but by the lack of execution. But Madonna played solid defense, especially when they're trapping the ball."

West Liberty, however, played somewhat short-handed.

Sophomore center Christy Peabody, an 18-point per game scorer, missed the game with a sprained ankle. Another 18-point scorer, junior forward Robin Marple, was suffering from the flu. She wound up with just three points and two rebounds.

"Not to make excuses, but our offense is built around her (Peabody)," Ullom said. "And her back up had a broken finger. But that's no excuse. We didn't execute well."

Molly McGuire led West Liberty with 19 points, while Carrie Ross contributed 12.

Koenig, meanwhile, had plenty of help from her teammates.

Junior forward Mary Bieniewicz (Farmington Hills Mercy) and freshman forward Dawn Pelc each contributed 14 points. Senior forward Stephanie Creiley chipped in with eight.

Bieniewicz scored 10 points in the second half, including a key rebound basket with 2:02 left, giving Madonna a commanding 70-58 lead. Bieniewicz hit seven of 10 shots from the floor.

Madonna returns to action 7:30 p.m. Friday at home against Adrian.

The Lady Crusaders are slowly building confidence heading into the NAIA portion of their schedule. They've also had to adjust without sophomore guard Megan Marlati, who was lost for the season in early December with a knee injury.

"We've been beaten by some good teams early," Potter said. "But now we have great confidence playing against NAIA and (NCAA) Division III teams. We're now playing teams more on our level."

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Mulachy, Livonia Stevenson hockey, seven years, resigned; Jack Grenan, Schoolcraft women's basketball, 11 years, resigned.

3. **Bernie Holowicki:** Talk about gratitude. Holowicki, the third winningest coach in Michigan prep basketball history, won his 600th game, took a team of meager talent to its seventh Catholic League title and into the regional tournament, and won Observerland Coach of the Year honors, only to be asked to leave by the Catholic Central administration.

Still, Holowicki bowed out gracefully and with all the class and poise his teams showed through the years. By the way, he's still at work in Observerland. He is serving as Chuck Henry's assistant at Wayne Memorial.

4. **Profiles in courage:** On June 27, 1993, Chuck Donaldson lost the use of his legs and very nearly his life in a horrific car accident. In August of 1994, Donaldson was back on the sidelines coaching the Clarenceville football team.

"I have the fear of seeing the kids not reaching their goals," said the 36-year-old. "And if it doesn't happen, I'll take it upon myself because I am their coach and leader. My priorities are for the kids. I want to see them succeed."

And they did. Clarenceville posted a successful 5-4 season.

On June 17, 1993, Bryan Morrison dove into the surf off the coast of France and broke his neck in two places. In July of 1994, the former all-state swimmer, who had been paralyzed from the waist down and

lost his left hand, began walking and swimming. Doctors termed his recovery amazing.

On Feb. 24, Plymouth Salem basketball coach Bob Brodie learned that his 14-year-old son Joe suffered a potentially fatal injury while skiing. Joe Brodie's skull had been separated from the brain stem when he crashed into a safety fence at Riverview Highlands.

In December of 1994, just 10 months after surgery, Bob watched his son play basketball on the junior varsity team at Flat Rock High School.

"The other day," Bob Brodie told Mick McCabe of the Detroit Free Press, "I was watching him play and I thought: Boy, there are a lot of players out there better than Joe Brodie; but he's the most remarkable one."

5. **DRC cancels Michigan Mile:** It was one of the longest standing traditions in these parts, the running of the Michigan Mile at DRC. The purse had grown to \$250,000. But last June the DRC pulled the plug on the tradition. Citing dwindling crowds and the inability to compete with casino gambling in Windsor, DRC cancelled the Michigan Mile.

6. **Mark Beaufait, Olympian:** As a kid growing up in Livonia, Mark Beaufait plastered his bedroom walls with posters of the 1980 Miracle on Ice U.S. Olympic triumph. In 1994, Beaufait was a member of the U.S. Olympic hockey team. The team failed to win a medal, but

Beaufait, former Northern Michigan standout and IHL All-Star, was one of the team's leading scorers.

He currently plays for San Diego in the IHL.

7. **James Head:** A sad tale. Plymouth Salem's James Head signed a binding letter-of-intent to play basketball at the University of Iowa in November of 1993. In late August of 1994, just as Head was preparing to head west, he was told by university officials that he was denied admission for academic reasons. This even though Head had fulfilled all NCAA requirements.

Student-athletes with far less academic achievement and acumen than Head have been admitted to Iowa. That's a plain fact. But those students were perceived to be more of a sure thing athletically. And that, more than any other reason, was why Iowa did not accept him.

Head will be fine, though. He is part of a strong Eastern Michigan University team.

8. **Big Valley:** Actually, this turned out to be a non-story for 1994. School officials sat down and tried to put together a mega conference featuring the 12 Western Lakes schools, the seven Kensington Valley Conference schools and the two Ann Arbor public schools. The conference would have spanned four counties, ranging from Howell to the west, Hartland to the north, the Livonia schools to the east and Ann Arbor to the south.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

Items for the religion calendar should be submitted no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue.

■ SINGLE PLACE

Single Place Adult Ministries will play volleyball 9-10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main, Northville. Cost is \$3 per person.

On New Year's Eve, Saturday, Dec. 31, Single Place members will go bowling at the Novi Bowl at 8 p.m., followed by dinner at 11 p.m. at the Akropolis Cafe in Northville. Dinner choices are steak, barbecue ribs or shark steak. Cost is \$30 for reservations made by noon Friday, Dec. 30, and \$34 after that deadline. For more information and tickets, call (810) 349-0911.

Single Place Presents at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, will feature David Blake talking about "Dabbling in Dating." The program will be presented at the church; a donation of \$4 will be requested.

■ WORLD HEALING DAY

Annually, on New Year's Eve millions of concerned people around the world gather at noon Greenwich Time to meditate and pray for peace in the world. Locally, people are invited to participate in the prayer service at 7 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, at St. Linus Church, 25500 Haas, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call (313) 274-7735.

■ 'GOD'S FAVORITE'

The Tr. City Christian Center will present the drama, "God's Favorite," as a dinner theater at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, and as a drama only at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, at the center, 39390 Michigan Ave., Wayne. Wendy Sielaff is the drama coordinator and Kathy McNamara director. Tickets are \$15 for the dinner theater and \$1 for the productions. For more information, call (313) 326-0330.

■ NEW YEAR'S SERVICES

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will have New Year's services at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, and 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 1. The church is at 17810 Farmington Road, Livonia. St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland will have a New Year's Eve service with communion at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, and a New Year's Day service

with communion at 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 1. The church is at 5885 Venoy, Westland.

■ WATCH NIGHT

Nathan DiGesare will perform during Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church's New Year's Eve celebration. The evening will begin with fellowship, dinner by reservation, and a Watch Night Service at 10:40 p.m. For more information, call (313) 422-1826. The church is at 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia.

■ GREAT STORY

Evangelist Rick Amato, founder of R.A.M. (Rick Amato Ministries), will speak at Temple Baptist Church, 23800 West Chicago, Redford, at 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 1. Amato, who went from the welfare ward of a Detroit Hospital and the depths of heroin and cocaine addiction to presiding over an effort by believers of all denominations to place 1 million scriptures in Eastern Europe, was the first evangelist to conduct a Christian evangelistic crusade in the Kremlin. He also took a group of Christians to Cuba in May. For more information, call Temple Baptist at (313) 255-3333.

■ BETHANY-WEST

Bethany-West Chapter, a nonprofit Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and educational assistance to divorced and separated Christians through peer ministry, will have Larry Herren as the guest speaker at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, West Chicago, east of Inkster Road, Redford. He will speak on "Becoming Able to Love and Be Loved." Cost will be \$3. For more information, call Karen at (313) 261-3602 or Kathy at (313) 584-1158.

■ FUND-RAISER

Clareville United Methodist Church of Livonia is conducting a fund-raiser. It has 1995 Entertainment Passbooks available for a donation of \$40. They are available by calling Jim Robinson at (810) 347-1535 or the church office at (810) 474-3444.

■ SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church plays volleyball at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the church gym. Ward Church is at Farmington and Six Mile roads, Livonia. For more information, call 422-1854.

■ WEDNESDAY SERVICE

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia, has a new 7 p.m. Wednesday service open to all people, especially those who cannot attend regular Sunday worship services. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-1470.

■ NEWBURG NIGHT OUT

Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, will present an eight-week program on Thursday evenings Jan. 12 to March 2. There will be activities for people of all ages.

An inexpensive dinner will be served 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by classes in beginning conversational Spanish, living with stress, troublesome Bible passages, "First Do No Harm" — a book study of life and death medical issues and Christian ethics — and a series which will use Bill Moyer's "Great Ideas" videotape interviews on contemporary issues, all for adults.

There will be choirs for children and youth and drama groups for children, youth and adults. Noah's Ark, a program involving stories, crafts and supervised free play, will be available for younger children. Child care also will be provided. For more information, call 422-0149.

■ NEW CHURCH

Crossroads Church of Livonia, a new church of about 70 adults and children, is looking for people to be part of its nucleus. If you are searching for a church home and enjoy contemporary worship, relevant Bible teachings and small groups, call Rob Eddy at (313) 981-7163.

■ CHARISMATIC PRAYER

A charismatic prayer group meets at 6 p.m. Sundays in Patio Classroom 1 on the ground floor of the University Center at Madonna University, Schoolcraft and Levan roads, Livonia. For more information, call Shawn at (313) 464-9057 or Julie at (313) 464-5666.

A group also meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays for praise Scripture and singing at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. The group meets in the church meeting room. (Use rear entrance 2.) Call Sandy at (313) 462-2243.

■ SPIRIT OF THE CROSS

St. Theodore Church's Spirit of the Cross Prayer Group meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays in the social hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call John at (313) 422-5611 or Margaret at (313) 427-9125.

■ LOOKING FOR A CHURCH?

An open invitation is extended to anyone inquiring about membership in the Catholic Church by St. Richard's Church, 35637 Cherry Hill, Westland. For more information, call Claudia at (313) 729-4411.

■ MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors a men's fellowship group at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month in Garden City. For more information, call the Single Point office at (313) 422-1854.

■ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Bethel Baptist Temple, 29475 W. Six Mile, Livonia, sponsors meetings for senior citizens and retirees the first and third Tuesday of the month. For more information, call (313) 525-3664 or (313) 261-9276.

■ FRIENDSHIP

Friendship Connection, a personal growth and support group, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at 13439 Marion, Redford, for discussion, questions and answers, fellowship and Bible study. For more information, call (313) 534-2065.

■ ALCOHOLICS

The Alcoholics for Christ, Meet Your Needs Group, meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Tri-City Christian Center, Michigan Avenue at Hannan in Canton. Alcoholics for Christ is a nondenominational, nonprofit Christian fellowship for alcoholics and their families. The group's chief goal is to direct alcoholics, family members and other concerned people to a dedicated, sincere relationship with Jesus Christ. For more information, call (313) 326-0330.

■ NEW WORSHIP

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia, has started an informal worship experience 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays. The program, led by the Rev. Wendy

Bailey, is geared toward people of all ages who are unable to attend on Sunday morning because of work schedules or other commitments. It is designed to attract those who desire a more contemporary approach to worship. Child care will be available. For more information, call (313) 422-1470.

■ SAFE

Main Street Baptist Church, 8500

N. Morton Taylor, south of Joy, Canton, has a ministry to assist people whose lives have been affected by substance abuse. SAFE (Setting Addicts Free Eternally) Recovery Group meets 7 p.m. each Tuesday.

For more information or individual counseling, call the Rev. Michael York at (313) 453-4785.

Seminar focuses on 'Authenticity'

The Warren Road Light and Life Free Methodist Church in Westland will host a Church Satellite Network broadcast of a live, interactive seminar, "Seven Steps Toward Spiritual Authenticity," Saturday, Jan. 7.

The noon to 3:30 p.m. seminar will feature internationally known Christian teacher Jack Hayford, Focus on the Family's H.B. London, and speaker/author Carol Kent.

More than 5,000 pastors, lay leaders and church members will join the trio in placing priority on integrity of heart, making forgiveness a lifestyle, giving praise its proper place in our lives, refusing the temptation to judge others, cultivating a circle of accountability, keeping the invisible world in focus and deepening the personal intimacy with Jesus.

This broadcast will challenge believers to think through what integrity means in daily life and ministry. The two 90-minute sessions will guide participants in what to stand up for, confirming the progress they have made to date, and offering specific steps for the coming months.

Hayford, senior pastor of the 8,000-member Church on the Way in Van Nuys, Calif., is known for his integrity and uncompromising approach to the teaching of God's word. Any given month you will find him speaking to several thousand pastors and Christian leaders or serving a key role for a number of Christian organizations.

More than 100,000 of his cassette teachings are distributed annually, and he is the composer of more than 400 songs, including the widely sung "Majesty."

London has a background of 31 years of pastoral ministry, spanning three pastorates in California and Oregon. In 1991 he was invited to join Focus on the Family in Colorado Springs, Colo., where he is currently vice president of ministry outreach/pastor ministries.

London has co-authored two books and communicates regularly with hundreds of pastors and church leaders through the "Pastor to Pastor" cassette and newsletter.

Kent, featured on the cover of the January 1995 issue of "Today's Christian Woman" magazine, has been a radio show co-host in Port Huron, a director of women's ministries for a Baptist church in Fort Wayne, Ind., and studio guest with such groups as Focus on the Family in the U.S. and 100 Huntley Street in Canada.

She has written several books and travels throughout North America as founder and director of "Speak Up With Confidence" seminars.

The seminar costs \$30 and registration forms are available by calling Cheryl Bippus at (313) 458-7301. Warren Road Light and Life Free Methodist Church is at 33445 Warren Road, Westland.

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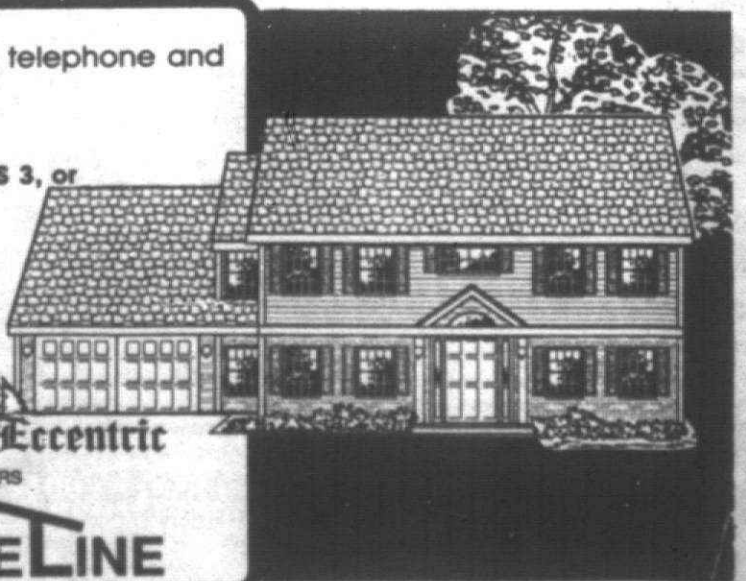
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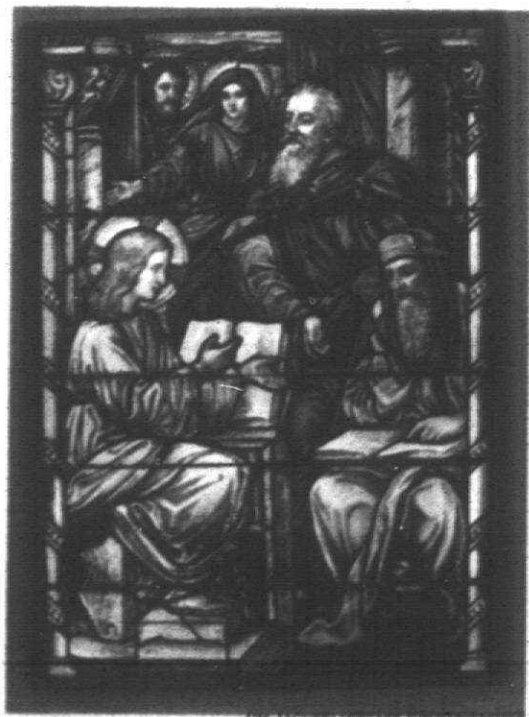
It was love at first sight for Therese Duffy from the moment she laid eyes on the antique stained glass windows installed in the parish chapel of St. Valentine School in Redford Township. The eight artworks transform the rays of early morning sunlight into translucent paintings of gold, ruby red and blue.

Originally made to decorate a similar chapel in St. Joseph's Retreat, a hospital for the mentally insane opened in 1885 in Dearborn, the windows enchanted Duffy so, she spent seven months of her life researching the history and recording it in the softcover book, "Behind the Window."

"They're gorgeous and they're 105 years old, but this isn't just a story about windows. It's a story of Sister Mary DeSales who had this vision," said the 68-year-old Duffy.

"I began writing the book after I fell in love with Sister DeSales. There was no one else who could write it, because no one else felt the way I did. It was my personal project. I wanted people to know what she had done. I titled it 'Behind the Window,' because without the windows there would be no story." At the time Duffy first heard about the win

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Stained glass: The windows represent the Joyful Mysteries of the rosary including Jesus in the Temple at his Bar Mitzvah.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Creative Living next week:

■ Going for the cold. Ice is the medium at the 13th annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

■ Victoria Diaz writes about local authors in her Book Break column.

■ Exhibitions, art gallery listings.

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Toys: Dave Hudson of Westland collects boats, ships and cars from the turn-of-the-century to the 1960s. Featured here are Miss Nippon (front), Chris Craft Cobra, 1936 Packard (front) and an all metal car made in Germany by Carette.

STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDELO

ANTIQUE

TOYS

Remember that special toy you loved when you were a kid? You'll more than likely find one just like it at the fourth Dearborn Michigan Antique Show on Jan. 7.

by Linda Chomin, special writer



Collectors: Bill and Karen Portman began collecting Hot Wheels cars nearly two years ago after buying a price guide on them at an antique show. They have about 3,000 of them in their collection.

Toys bring out the kid in all of us. More than 150 dealers from as far away as British Columbia and Germany will display antique wind-up, pressed steel and iron toys, pedal cars, penny toys, promo cars, GI Joe's and Barbie dolls, collectibles, "Star Wars" and "Star Trek" items and memorabilia associated with antique toys including buttons, pins and posters at the fourth Dearborn Michigan Antique Show Saturday, Jan. 7, in the Dearborn Civic Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., west of Greenfield.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the magic and wonder of toys is sure to evoke memories and bring out the kid in you. Admission is \$4 for adults; children under 12, free.

"Don't throw out those Christmas toys from years past because they're appreciating in value and their expected price today would be a shocker. Toys right now are the hottest selling antiques in America," said show producer, Kevin Hauser.

Hauser should know. For the last seven years he's owned and operated Hauser Antiques in Royal Oak. A third generation collector of antique toys, he spent many an afternoon as a child attending shows.

Keep those toys

Christmas is a time of toys and dreams. Now that we've wrapped up another year, whatever you do don't throw out those toys. They could be worth a lot of money in the future. They could even pay for a few of your dreams.

"A Japanese GI Joe in mint condition goes for \$700. Hot Wheels played with 25 years ago sell for \$50 to \$1,000," said Hauser.

Bill and Karen Portman began collecting Hot Wheels cars nearly two years ago after buying a price guide on them at an antique show. It since has become an insatiable hobby consuming both money and time. The Westland husband and wife spend untold hours scouring toy stores, hobby shops and even the local Target in search of rare paint jobs on the 25-year-old Mattel toy phenomenon. They have about 3,000 of them in their collection.

"You had them when you were a kid, now you have a kid and collect them. It's like going back to your childhood," said Bill Portman, 29.

"It's like a treasure hunt. It's a challenge to find them. I even went back to my mother's house to look for cars," said Karen, 31.

Popular cars

Mattel Inc. began marketing

these marvels in 1968 as the U.S. answer to British Matchbox cars. Today, a Volkswagen Bus Beach Bomb from that era goes for \$1,500 to \$2,000. The *Wall Street Journal* even did a story on them in mid-November when Christie's International auctioned off a collection of Hot Wheels in New York City. There are Hot Wheels publications, an annual convention, and clubs where members race the cars on "Fat Tracks."

A Motor City Chapter Meet is set to take place Jan. 15 at the Wayne-Ford Civic League Arena in Westland. There will be Hot Wheels racing with first, second and third place trophies awarded.

"The average collector is between 30 and 40 years old and tends to have a son," said Portman.

"The date on the bottom is not the date it was made. It's the copyright date. They have to be in mint condition to get top dollars. A scratch on a tire can make it less valuable."

The Portmans concentrate their own collection on the years 1968 to 1977. At the show they will sell Hot Wheels from 1978 to the current year ranging in price from \$5 for a 1992 model to \$200 for a vacuum-metalized gold, special edition Lamborghini Countach.

Dave Hudson collects boats, ships and cars from the turn-of-the-century to the 1960s. His Westland home is a haven for die cast Oldsmobile, Cadillac, Edsel and Mercedes Benz one-eighth scale cars, tin clockwork ships from the early 1900s, tin cars from early 1900s to the 1950s and 1960s, and battery operated wood boats manufactured in Japan in the 1950s and 1960s.

"It's a collectible field. The toys were very popular back then but only the well-off could afford them," said Hudson, who travels to 22 shows a year trading and selling antique toys.

One entire glass enclosed hutch is filled with a 1958 Edsel, 1959 Rambler and Buick and a 1960 Ford. "Cars have always been a love of America. The late 1950s and 1960s are my favorites," said the 37-year-old collector.

Hudson began collecting antique toys 10 years ago after attending a swap meet and car show in Pennsylvania. It was then he spied Western action figures from television programs popular in the 1940s and

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Exhibit will showcase special artists

By LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Very Special Arts Michigan Southeast is seeking artworks for an exhibit it is sponsoring March 10 to April 9 at Urban Park-Detroit Art Center in Trapper's Alley in Greektown.

Very special visual artists including children and adults disabled by hearing, sight, mobility, development and emotional impairments will take part in the second annual exhibit at the downtown Detroit gallery. All participating artists will be invited to the opening reception on March 10 when each receives a VSA certificate of recognition.

"We're looking for paintings done with poster

paints, prints, drawings the usual things that school kids do," said Jack Olds, exhibit chairman and a former member of the Livonia Arts Commission.

"Last year, all of the state was involved, but 1995 will cover a seven county region of southeastern Michigan. We'd like to get the Livonia schools to participate."

Schools in Garden City, Westland, Redford, Plymouth and Canton should consider entering this worthwhile event. Last year's included artworks ranging from a quilt made by a Holland, Mich. group to a disabled student whose work ended up on the front of the commemorative T-shirt.

Each art entry must be accompanied by a com-

pleted form signed by the artists and parent or guardian if the artist is under the age of 26. Deadline for entry is Feb. 1, 1995.

Artists may enter up to three works including the mediums of crayon, felt-tipped pen, ink, tempera, oils on canvas on board or stretchers, acrylic, finger paint, collage and block prints. Quilting, embroidery and other craft techniques are also acceptable.

All art must be original not reproduced from other artist works, advertisements or widely-circulated photographs. Offset prints are not con-

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ON NAMED
Kathleen Coon was named general manager of Century 21 East in Rochester Hills.

She has been in real estate for more than four years. She serves as vice chairman community services committee for the Birmingham-Bloomfield, South Oakland and Rochester Area Realtors and in 1995 will head the Realtor Association Committee for the Rochester Area Association of Realtors.

NEW STATE LEADER
Alice McIntyre of Real Estate One in Bloomfield Hills was elected 1995 Michigan governor of the Women's Council Realtors.

McIntyre has been on the WCR Board, an affiliate of the National Association of Realtors, for six years, serving as the state chapter president in 1993 and before that, the local chapter president in 1989.

As a WCR governor, McIntyre will be responsible for increasing membership and overseeing the council's annual Phonathon membership campaign.

CHARITABLE HELP
Max Brook Inc. Realtors is sponsoring the Lighthouse of Oakland County Holiday Project, which provides for 5,000 senior citizens and other individuals in need.

Max Brook has offices in Birmingham, West Bloomfield, Bloomfield Hills and Rochester.

For more information on the Lighthouse project, call (810) 253-8119.

TALK RADIO
Oakland County attorney Robert M. Meisner, who writes Condo Queries for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, starts his new radio, "The Law of the Land," Jan. 4 on WCAR-AM 1090. The show runs 1-2 p.m. Wednesdays.

Meisner, whose offices are based in Bingham Farms, focuses on condominium, real estate and corporate law.

—Compiled by Becky Burns

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'Commercial Realtor of Year' named

BY GRETCHEN A. VAN CLEAVE
SPECIAL WRITER

When Southfield Realtor Scott Elliott came to Michigan in 1987, he didn't know his dedication to commercial real estate would triumph in his earning "Michigan Commercial Realtor of the Year" honors for 1994.

The Michigan CCIM Chapter presents the annual award to a Certified Commercial Investment Member. "It is great to receive an award like this," said Elliott, 38, who lives in Farmington Hills.

Michigan boasts Elliott more than 1,000 commercial Realtors. Elliott is one of 90 designated CCIMs, said Robert Andrus, Michigan CCIM chapter president.

CCIM certification is awarded to commercial real estate agents who

have taken a series of educational courses in commercial investment real estate. Other criteria include the sales-caliber reports, exams and sales and leasing volume requirements. It usually takes four to five years to be certified, Andrus said.

"It's like a master's degree in commercial real estate," Elliott said.

In addition to his CCIM designation, Elliott is a Society of Industrial and Office Realtors member. There are only a few others in Michigan who hold both designations. "It takes a lot of effort, time and experience to do both," Andrus said.

Factors that helped Elliott earn Realtor of the Year honors include his cooperativeness with other real estate brokers, his professional production and his heart to expand opportunities for commercial real estate in Michigan.

Elliott has been a tremendous as-

set to the commercial real estate business, Andrus said.

"I've never won an award like this before," Elliott said. "It is an honor to receive the award since it comes from my peers."

Elliott, a California native, became interested in commercial real estate 19 years ago, during his days at San Diego State University.

Commercial real estate involves office buildings, retail stores, industrial and other income-producing commercial properties, Elliott said.

Elliott joined Coldwell Banker in 1980 and became a sales manager in 1985 in Kansas City. Coldwell Banker's commercial division became CB Commercial in 1991 and is the nation's largest commercial real estate company. It's headquartered in Los Angeles.

Today, Elliott is senior vice president and managing officer of CB

Commercial Real Estate Group, Southfield. In 1993, he was instrumental in founding the Detroit Area Commercial Board of Realtors, a member of the National Association of Realtors.

Outside real estate circles, Elliott has devoted time to local community and civic groups. He's on the advisory board of The Salvation Army. And he's a member of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce Business Attraction Group, serving on the committee that prepares marketing pieces and information on Detroit.

Elliott serves the Boy Scouts of America through his son's troop.

After seven years, Elliott will step down at year end from the board of directors of the Detroit Commercial Investment Division, now the Detroit Area Commercial Board of Realtors. He plans to devote more time to his real estate business.

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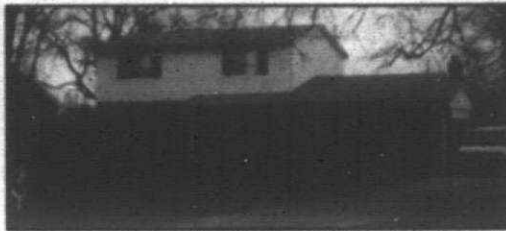
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LIVONIA
NEW CONSTRUCTION! Just completed spacious 3 bedroom ranch featuring a fantastic kitchen with cabinets galore, great room, 2 baths, 1st floor laundry, basement and 2 car garage.
\$162,900 (STO2) **810/477-1111**



PLYMOUTH
NEW! NEW! NEW! Uniquely custom designed 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath contemporary. Dramatic 2 story foyer with ceramic tile floor. Country kitchen boasts light Oak cabinets, 1st floor laundry and 2 car garage.
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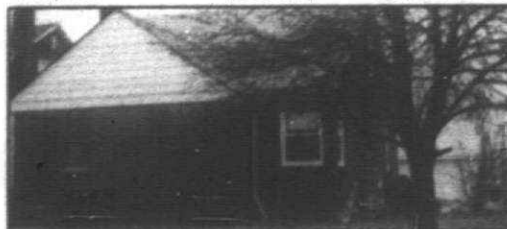
PLYMOUTH
SIMPLY SPECTACULAR COUNTRY CHARMER on corner lot. Offering 3 bedrooms, family room with fireplace, full finished basement, 2nd kitchen, 2 bedroom and 1 1/2 bath upstairs. Master bedroom and large bath.
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WESTLAND
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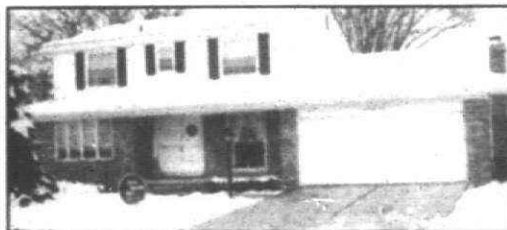
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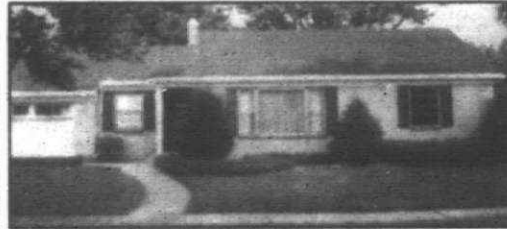
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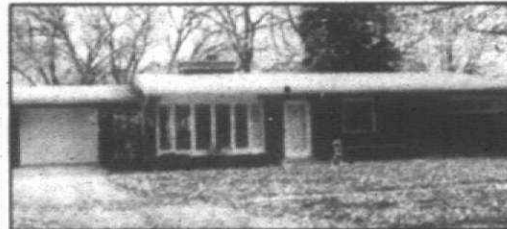
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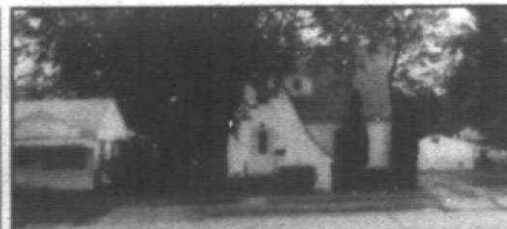
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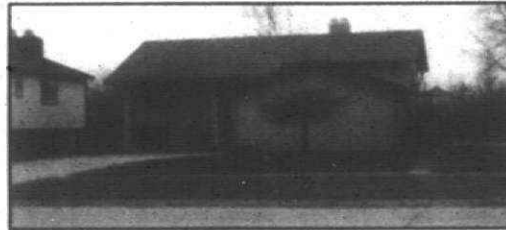
LIVONIA
1990 CONTEMPORARY CONDO. Premium view over courtyard with this 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, private entrance, in-unit laundry with all the upgrades, carport. Low association, tax and utilities.
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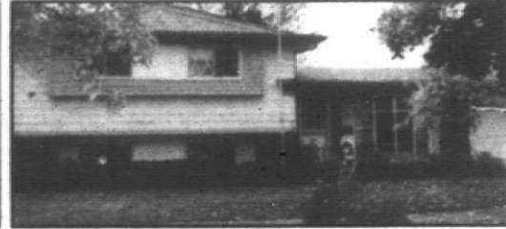
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BETTER THAN NEW is this fabulous 3 bedroom Colonial on oversized lot. All upgrades are done. Newer Oak kitchen with ceramic tile, carpeting, light fixtures and more. All appliances stay. 2 decks and gazebo.
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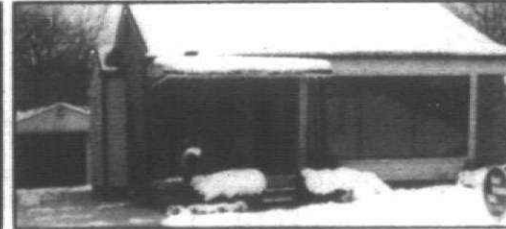
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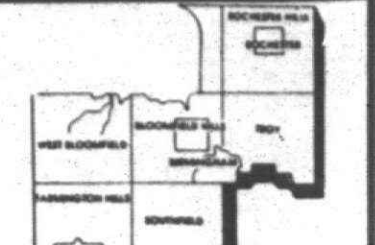
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Charles E. Mills has been named director of business development for the Michigan Group Realtors effective Dec. 12. Mills, a native Detroit and graduate of Wayne State University, has been an active Realtor for 31 years. Mills resides in Livonia with Elizabeth, his wife of 34 years.



Mills

Michael Workman has been named the general sales manager for the Livonia office of the Michigan Group. Workman has 23 years of real estate experience. Workman replaces Charles Mills.



Workman

Melissa L. Nestico, a graduate of Troy High School, has joined the Grand Rapids law firm of Warner, Norcross & Judd as an associate. Nestico received a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a law degree from Wayne State University Law School. Nestico will reside in Grand Rapids.



Nestico

Gary Topolewski of West Bloomfield and managing partner of creative for the Detroit office of Bozell Worldwide Advertising has been awarded the "Close the Customer" award, the highest corporate honor within the agency. Topolewski has been honored this year at Cannes and the Caddy Awards as for his creative direction on the Jeep "Snow Covered" commercial.



Topolewski

Susan S. Zinger has been promoted to executive vice president and general manager of the Michigan Design Center by the Danto Investment Co. Zinger joined the Design Center after 13 years with Hudson's. She is an allied member of the American Society of Interior design.



Zinger

Ronald Chuchran has been promoted to vice president and chief financial officer of Danto Investment Co. He was formerly a partner with the Financial Group and has worked in the wholesale and import business.



Chuchran

Frank Sobie has been named GIS manager for Wade Trim in Plymouth where he will manage the development of municipal Geographic Information System and mapping project. Sobie has been a professional geographer for 17 years. He has a master's degree in geography from Eastern Michigan University with a concentration in urban and regional planning.



Sobie

Remodeler lets clients stay home

■ People who develop deep roots in a community sometimes add on to or remodel the homestead rather than move. A few companies in this area, including one in business nearly 30 years, specialize in major renovations at the upper price end.

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER



Most of us think about remodeling in terms of updating a kitchen or bathroom.

Bob Stern of West Bloomfield specializes in renovations and restorations of a much higher magnitude. He deals with projects starting at \$50,000 and ranging up to \$250,000 in upscale communities like Birmingham, Franklin and Bloomfield Hills.

His clients generally have either a very strong desire to stay in the neighborhood or to create a living environment that stirs fond reminiscences.

"My customer is a 40-some-year-old contemporary professional — doctors, lawyers, auto executives," Stern said. "Business is great when they get their bonuses."

"My typical project would be a master bedroom suite with a whirlpool bath and walk-in closets or a new area consisting of a kitchen extension with an extremely large breakfast room and sitting area," he said.

Like Dorothy Gale in the Wizard of Oz, clients who spend a lot of money on a remodeling really come to believe that there's no place like home. Their roots run deep with attachments to neighborhood, church and schools.

"I liked where I was and didn't want to move," said Linda Roszak, a Bloomfield Hills resident. She and her husband, John, contracted for a new kitchen, larger family room and a hot tub.

"We back up to a school playground, the kids were happy and we had enough backyard to use," Linda said.

An average job takes 12 to 14 weeks, Stern said. He does about 18 a year and most of his clients continue to live in the house while work progresses.



Big jobs: Bob Stern specializes in major remodeling projects.

"They're always supervising," he said. "Everyone who lives in the house, the mothers and fathers of the homeowners, the sister-in-law, the cousin who was a carpenter once. We're masochists."

Actually, Stern said, interaction with clients is a great joy for him. "I enjoy the one-on-one with customers. I like dialogue. They know what they want. They don't know how to express it. You pull it out of them."

"Step A is someone calling. They want an estimate. We go out and assess. It's almost like a feasibility study, a diagnosis and prognosis," Stern said.

"Then we sum it up. We can do it or you shouldn't do it. Maybe they should just sell."

The general rule of thumb for major renovations is that the work should already fit the existing neighborhood or how the neighborhood is evolving, said Stern, who's been at it nearly 30 years.

But if money is no object and a client has his heart set on a project, land is available, municipal codes can be met and persuasion to buy somewhere else and remodel is

unsuccessful, the job gets done.

"It has to do with who you are, what you are and how you see it," Stern said of the decision to spend big money on remodeling. "Most people who call us really don't want to move. They're comfortable."

Stern identified his major competitors as Kellett Construction of Bloomfield Hills and Mosher, Dolan & Cataldo of Birmingham. He said his biggest problem with clients is extras.

"That's where the customer buys a specific amount of work for a specific amount of money and while you're here, will say, 'Can you do this, can you do that.' That really busts up schedules. My next customer is waiting and I don't have 50 crews."

Stern's major problem on job sites is dealing with minor variations in all of the municipal building codes.

"The codes keep changing and they're stiffer and stiffer," he said. "I think some are getting out of hand. Is this a necessity? Why doesn't every manufacturer do this? You learn by doing."

Houses built from the 1950s on are easier to deal with than more vintage models — due to building codes — but Stern said he hasn't yet encountered any problem which couldn't be overcome into a job.

"Nothing is insurmountable," he said.

"You can do anything you want if you pay," Stern added. "A lot of times, you can compromise, get the same feel for a little less. You do it a little smaller, a little different."

But Stern admits that he won't skimp on quality.

"The only way people hire me back is service. That's all that remodeling is. You can't serve without profit. People I work for never bought me because I was low bidder. You can't do it on sale. You can't give it away."

Most of his business is repeats and referrals, Stern said.

Pat and Laurence Ribiat have hired Stern on three different occasions.

"They do the job quickly. They clean up after themselves daily," she said. "The guys working are really nice. Workmanship, the guys really care."

Local architects get professional accolades

AIA Detroit, a chapter of the American Institute of Architects, cited several local professionals with special accolades during annual award ceremonies.

Honorees include Maurice B. Allen Jr., a Bloomfield Hills resident, who received the AIA Detroit gold medal, its highest honor.

Allen was recognized for consistent high quality design and distinguished years of practice. He retired last year from TMP Associates Inc. in Bloomfield Hills and continues to serve the firm, consulting on performing arts centers.

Allen's career included contributing to projects as far ranging as the General Motors Technical Center in Warren, the U.S. Embassy in Oslo, Norway, and the Lincoln Center of the Performing Arts in New York City.

His design interests have led him into positions of teacher, juror, public speaker and counselor to state government.

"You can't look at a building by itself," Allen said. "Architecture for me runs the gamut from city plan to space between buildings to buildings themselves to furniture. You never look at what's before you but the next largest context."

"Architecture very definitely shapes our lives," Allen added. "There's a subliminal effect on people. It lifts your spirits if you go into a nice place."

"What we do lasts a long time," he said.

A member of the Environmental Arts Advisory Panel of the Michigan Council for the Arts, Allen has served on numerous committees with that organization throughout his career.

Leo G. Shea of Bloomfield Hills received the AIA Detroit Charles

Blessing Award.

The award is named in honor of Detroit's longtime visionary city planner who dedicated his life's work to the pursuit of increasing the quality of urban life through excellence in city planning and urban design.

It is presented to the individual who has exemplified the broad vision, commitment and steady effort demonstrated by Blessing, now deceased.

AIA Detroit recognized Shea's leadership in planning and civic issues that have resulted in positive improvements to the urban environment.

Through his efforts, AIA Detroit established the Urban Priorities Committee in January, 1993. As chairperson of the committee, Shea's goal was to increase the public awareness of architects and the profession.

Shea was instrumental in presenting an architectural agenda to civic organizations and governmental leaders.

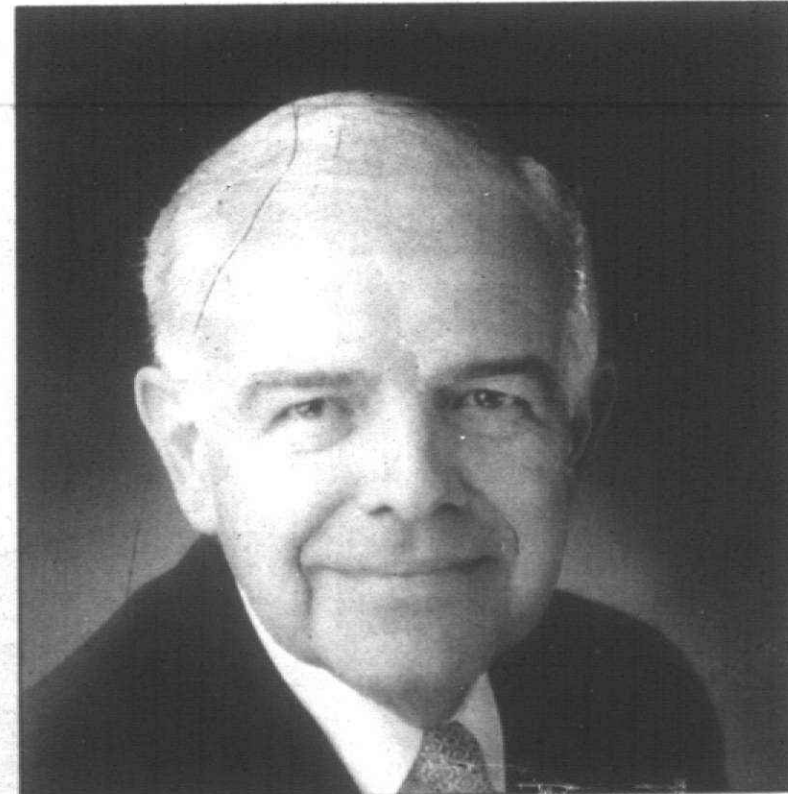
He played a key role in presenting AIA Detroit's perspective to Mayor Dennis Archer's land use task force.

She currently serves as vice president of operations with Kughn Enterprises, Inc. in Chesterfield.

Victor Saroki, a Farmington Hills resident with a practice in Birmingham, is this year's AIA Detroit Young Architect.

This designation was established to recognize exceptional contributions to the profession by licensed architects 40 years of age and younger.

A graduate of Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, Saroki established a partnership upon graduation that led to his going solo in 1983. Today, Saroki &



Maurice B. Allen, Jr.
gold medal winner

Associates is an eight person firm with an armful of design awards.

Just two years after graduation, Saroki was personally honored by LTU at its 50th anniversary celebration. The 20 outstanding graduates of the School of Architecture were recognized and he was the youngest.

Katherine Bishop Eckert has been named AIA Detroit Honorary Affiliate member. Membership is

bestowed upon someone not eligible for AIA membership but who has rendered distinguished service to the profession.

Eckert is historic preservation officer for the State of Michigan. An architectural historian for twenty years, she has traveled throughout the state to study buildings and cultural landscapes. Her first book, Buildings of Michigan, was published last year.

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O&E ONLINE
The magic of the World Wide Web is that it is a multiple tool, i.e., to access gopher, FTP and IRC sites and to Telnet and do Veronica searches. But we already have experience gophering, telnetting, and FTPing. So in our search for jewels today we will use the World Wide Web tool. We won't use Mosaic as that is available only to our SLIP users and they likely are a

little more advanced users who may read but don't rely on this column.
Remember from last week that the Web uses hypertext (highlighted words) to access documents using starting points called Home Pages. Like Gopher or Telnet, sometimes when you use Web to access a site the attempt is unsuccessful because that site is too busy at that time. The only thing you can do is try again another time.
On O&E On Line we use Lynx to access the WEB. The addressing domain of Lynx requires a forward slash right before the colon and is followed by two backward slashes after the colon. In the last column, I erred in describing the construction of the Web domain. If you see a heart symbol (♥) in a Web address in this column, substitute the forward slash where the heart (♥) appears.
The FBI is offering a \$1 million reward for information about UNABOM - 14 bombings in the U.S. Background and update information about UNABOM is shared at the FBI Home Page which can be accessed UNABOM

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Internet has lots of goodies through WWW

through the Web with this Universal Resource Locator (URL): <http://naic.nasa.gov/fbi>

FedWorld is a gateway to more than 120 bulletin boards operated by federal government agencies and departments. FedWorld has a lot of useful files, including White House documents and lists of federal job openings nationwide. To save long-distance calls by dialing these BBSs directly, you can reach FedWorld through the Web and then access all 120-plus bulletin boards. The URL is: <http://www.fedworld.gov>

O&E On Line user Frank T. shares a Web site he discovered that is a movie database for film-goers. It contains information on Academy Awards, actors and actresses, and movie reviews. The URL is: <http://www.cm.fac.us/Movies/moviequery.html>. Note from the domain that this site is in the United Kingdom. Frank shared other sites which I'll pass on once I get a chance to take a personal visit.

The Observer & Eccentric is building its own Web site on the Internet and will be offering all 12 O&E newspapers at a WWW Home Page. The O&E Home Page is still under construction but is on the Internet and can be accessed via O&E On Line. System operator Greg Day has his own list of Web Hot Spots which users will enjoy visiting. Visit our O&E Home Page at <http://online.com>. Be patient, though, because not all features are completed.

Our friendly IRS has added a Web site on the Internet as part of its ever-expanding customer service efforts. The address is almost as long as the regular 10W40 so type carefully when you access this URL: <http://www.irs-u.sia.gov/treasury/bureaus/irs/irs.html>. When finished this site will include tax forms.

You can direct queries to Emory Daniels by e-mail with emory@online.com, at voice mail at 953-2047 then dial 1910, or fax number 591-7279. To sign up for O&E On-Line, dial (313) 591-0903, at "log in" prompt type "new" and at "key" prompt type GLN2Y2.

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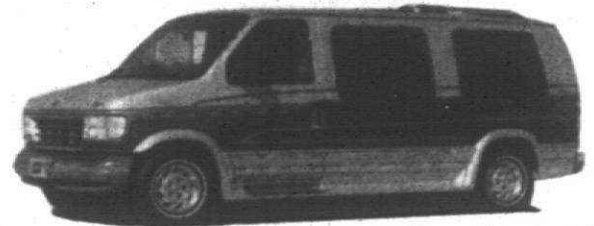
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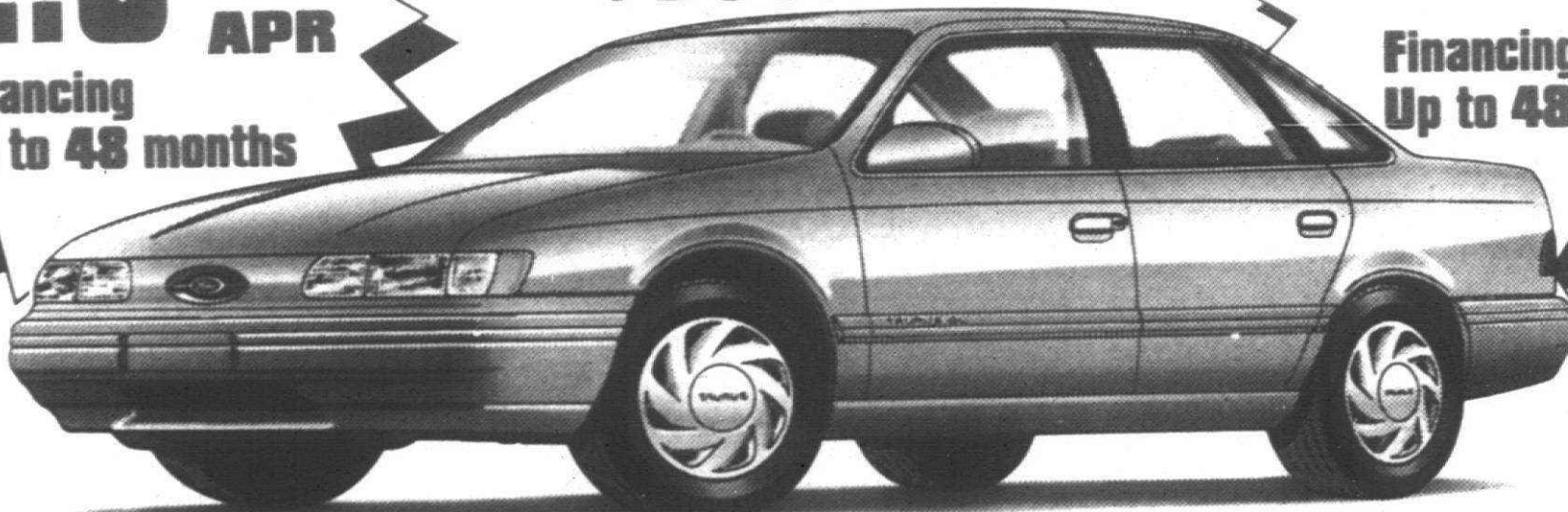
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